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RESOLUTION NO. 1/49-C
ON
GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 48th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC;

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

A) DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS

Recalling the principles of The Tehran Declaration adopted in December 1997 by the 8th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference affirming that Islamic Civilization has always and throughout history been rooted in peaceful co-existence, cooperation, mutual understanding, and constructive dialogue with other civilizations and other ideologies; and also underlining the need to build understanding between civilizations; **bearing in mind** Resolution No. 53/22 adopted by the UN General Assembly, designating the year 2001 as the “UN Year of Dialogue Among Civilizations” which called for taking all measures aiming at enhancing the concept of dialogue among civilizations; and **recalling** also the provisions of The OIC-2025: Programme of Action called on the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its subsidiary, specialized and affiliated bodies to contribute as a partner to intercultural and inter-religious dialogue and related efforts in this regard,

Recalling the Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly 73/128 of 12 December 2018 on Enlightenment and Religious Tolerance, initiated by the Republic of Uzbekistan, co-sponsored by 50 States, including 32 Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation,

Recalling the resolution of the United Nation General Assembly 68/127, entitled “A World against Violence and Violent Extremism”

Bearing in mind that States have the primary responsibility to promote human rights, including the human rights of persons belonging to religious minorities, including their right to exercise their religion or belief freely,

Recognizing the valuable contribution of people of all religions or beliefs to humanity and the contribution that dialogue among religious groups can make towards an improved awareness and understanding of the common values shared by all humankind,

Underlining the importance of promoting peace, respect on human rights, tolerance, harmonious coexistence, and friendship,

Seriously concerned by intolerance and the existence of discrimination on account of religion or belief, and by the ongoing violence in the world, in which terrorist groups have targeted people for their religion or beliefs,

Convinced that promoting religious tolerance will contribute to the fulfillment of the goals of universal peace, social justice, friendship, the protection of human rights and the elimination of ignorance and practices of violence,

Welcoming the valuable role of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in contributing towards a more peaceful, more socially inclusive world by promoting greater understanding and respect among civilizations, cultures, religions and beliefs,

1. **Commends** the initiative on Inter-faith and Intercultural Dialogue propounded by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which was concretized in the Conference of Makkah in 2005 which saw the participation of Muslim Scholars from different schools of thought and which paved the way to the organization of the International conference held in Madrid with the participation of a large number of followers of world civilizations and cultures and insisted on the unity of the humanity and on equality among peoples, regardless of their colors, races and cultures;
2. **Lauds** Pakistan's efforts for adoption of UN General Assembly Resolution on "Promoting Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue", acknowledging significance and respect for religious symbols and revered personalities;
3. **Commends** the convening of the high level Consultation of World Muslim Scholars on Wasatiyyat Islam, held in Bogor, the Republic of Indonesia, on May 2018 by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia;
4. **Welcomes** the "Bogor Message" containing the principal points on "moderation" for promoting peace, tolerance, and harmonious life within the Islamic World as well as among religions;
5. **Commends** the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia aimed at activating this initiative through the establishment of a relevant mechanism, namely King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), whose headquarters were established in Vienna, Austria and presently located in Lisbon, Portugal, and **calls on** the Member States to actively contribute with ideas, suggestions, and recommendations of making the Center an effective institution for promoting interfaith and inter-civilization dialogue;
6. **Commends** the OIC General Secretariat for having implemented programs and activities to materialize its cooperation with the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), including through joint-events of interreligious talks on "The role of religious and community leaders in the implementation of the peace agreements in Central African Republic", held in Dakar, Senegal in December 2017; and also through join-project to improve Muslim-Buddhist relationship in East and Southeast Asia, notably the Strategic Workshop on Interreligious Dialogue held in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand, in December 2017 and Welcomes the Plan of Action resulted from the Round-table event in Dakar, Senegal on 8-11 December 2017 which aimed at promoting peace and

reconciliation in the Central African Republic (CAR) and, Encourages Member States to provide technical as well as financial supports to the implementation points enlisted in the aforementioned Plan of Action;

7. Commends the outcomes of the Strategic Workshop on “Religious Coexistence in South Asia: Addressing the contemporary challenges related to Buddhist-Muslim relationships” held on 18-20 December 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand, in cooperation with KAICIID, Interreligious Council of Thailand (IRC)/Religions for Peace (RfP), the Mahidol University, and Fatoni University; and encourages the General Secretariat to continue implementing similar programs and activities to promote peaceful coexistence among religions living in the South and Southeast Asia region;

8. Welcomes further activity with KAICIID aimed at finding innovative solutions which may manage and mitigate violent fault lines affecting societies in the South and Southeast Asia, including the ‘Buddhists and Muslim tensions’, through Interreligious Dialogue being held in December 2019 in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia;

9. Calls the General Secretariat and relevant OIC Organs to continue developing the scheme of ‘rapprochement’ by taking measures to increase the relations between the Muslim World and multiple cultures and civilizations, mainly through inter-civilization and inter-cultural dialogues with Sino, Russia, Western Societies, Buddhist, and Hindu Civilizations;

10. Commends the outcome of the Washington Conference on the “Alliance of Religions” organized by the Forum for Promoting Peace on 5-7 November 2017, with the participation of religious leaders representing different divine religions, and influential academics and researchers from the US, Muslim countries and other countries; which culminated in the establishment of the global “Alliance of Virtue for the Common Good”, for the good of all humanity;

11. Commends the efforts of the United Arab Emirates through the Peace Promotion Forum which was established in 2014 under the leadership of Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah and held three sessions in Abu Dhabi, the UAE, and Marrakesh, Kingdom of Morocco; It also made significant efforts to promote sound Islamic thought and the civilized image of Islam in dealing with others and protecting non-Muslim minorities in Muslim countries;

12. Pays tribute to the extensive efforts made by the United Arab Emirates through the Muslim Council of Elders, sponsored by the United Arab Emirates, which was established in 2014 under the chairmanship of Sheikh Al-Azhar Al-Sharif and has made considerable efforts through dialogue of civilizations between East and West in both Italy and France. Several meetings with the Elders of the West were held to bring together the Islamic and Christian perspectives through the common denominators that unite Islam, Christianity and other monotheistic religions for the sake of peaceful coexistence and cooperation among civilizations to the benefit of mankind;

13. “Commends the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together, signed by Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar and Chairperson of the Council

of Wise Muslims, and Pope Francis of the Catholic Church, under the patronage of the UAE, on 4 February 2019 in Abu Dhabi, the capital city of the United Arab Emirates”;

14. Commends the UAE’s efforts in sponsoring the new Hilf al-Fudul (League of the Virtuous) for religious coexistence, peace and harmony, which was signed by the representative heads of various religions on 10 December 2019 in the UAE capital Abu Dhabi, and **praises** the Emirati efforts to organize a forum for peace;

15. Welcomes the hosting by the United Arab Emirates of the Conference of Islamic Unity under the theme: “Opportunities, Concepts and Challenges,” held in Abu Dhabi on 8 and 9 May 2022;

16. Commends the High Patronage conferred by His Majesty King Mohammed VI on the Conference on the Rights of Religious Minorities in the Muslim World held in Marrakech in January 2016, during which the Marrakech Declaration was adopted as a cornerstone in the promotion of dialogue and interaction among various religions;

17. Commends the great efforts of the UAE through the launch of the Award for World Peace of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, which recognizes individuals and organizations that make outstanding contributions to world peace, the biggest world award of USD 1.5 million, as well as the efforts of the Government of the UAE in promoting moderate Islamic culture in the country and beyond;

18. Commends the efforts exerted by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in initiating, at the UN General Assembly on September 23, 2010, The World Interfaith Harmony Week, which has been observed in every first week of the month of February since the year of 2011;

19. Reiterates the OIC’s support to the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, convened triennially on the initiative of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and **appreciates** all religious leaders of the OIC Member States and the high-rank officials of the General Secretariat who have participated and actively contributed to the VII Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, held in Astana City, 14-15 September 2022;

20. Commends the OIC General Secretariat for successfully organizing a Hybrid Seminar with the theme “Connecting Further at the Post-Covid19 Contemporary World: Enhancing Dialogue between the Islamic World and Other Great Civilizations”, Jeddah, 10 October 2022, with speakers from China, Japan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, United States of America, OIC-IRCICA, and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), stressing the importance of dialogue among civilizations in addressing global challenges such as the pandemic and the undeniable role of faith leaders, in collaboration with governments and other actors, in tackling problems on the ground;

21. Commends the efforts of the United Arab Emirates in promoting tolerance among peoples and nations through the World Tolerance Summit which was held again in Dubai on 13-14 November 2019 with the participation of more than 3000 participants, including government leaders, academic peace experts, etc. It aimed to highlight the values of constructive co-existence conducive to a world characterized by tolerance. The UAE efforts also included holding Hilf Al-

Fudul Conference (League of the Virtuous) held in the capital city Abu Dhabi on 9-10 December 2019, with the participation of over 1000 participants;

22. Commends the United Arab Emirates, which announced the year 2019 as the Year of World Tolerance. The celebration ceremony took place in Abu Dhabi on 3-4 February 2019 in the presence of the Pope, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Chairperson of the Muslim Council of Elders, and all prominent leaders of various religions. This year also included prominent events on tolerance among civilizations;

23. Commends the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which assumed the Group of Twenty (G20) Presidency in 2020, to have successfully presided the Group and hosted the G20 Summit in Riyadh. In line with it, the Group also hosted the G20 Interfaith Forum that has gathered more than 2,000 participants from all over the world, to have a dialogue on a wide array of issues ranging from hate speech to Covid-19 to gender parity and economic displacement;

24. Commends the Republic of Indonesia to have successfully presided the Group of Twenty (G20) in 2021-2022 and hosted its summit in November 2022, in Bali, Indonesia, with the core theme “Recover Together, Recover Stronger”. Through the presidency of Indonesia, the Group has organized a forum namely Religion 20 (R20), with a theme “Revealing and Nurturing Religion as a Source of Global Solutions”, co-chaired by the Nahdatul Ulama of the Republic of Indonesia and the World Muslim League in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

25. Applauds the Kingdom of Bahrain for successfully organizing the Bahrain Forum for Dialogue, organized in Manama, 3 – 4 November 2022, under the theme “East-West Dialogue for Human Coexistence” as well as for its efforts in supporting just causes of humanity, spreading the culture of quiet and purposeful interreligious dialogue, advancing opportunities for peaceful coexistence among people and consolidating the principles of tolerance, solidarity and coexistence;

26. Commends the Republic of the Gambia for effectively co-organizing, with the Muslim World League, the conference titled “International Inter-Faith Conference on Peace, Harmony, Unity, and Diversity amongst the Muslim Umma and World”, held in Banjul, 6 December 2022, which brought all African and World Religious Leaders/Scholars;

27. Calls upon Member States to maintain a common stance in supporting the application of the principles and purposes of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief;

28. Urges Member States to step up their efforts to protect and promote freedom of thought, conscience and religion or belief through education and other means, mutual understanding, tolerance, non-discrimination and respect in all matters relating to freedom of religion or belief;

29. Commends the OIC General Secretariat for successfully co-organizing, with the European Union, a Virtual Seminar on Freedom of Religion and Belief, Interfaith, and Intercultural Dialogue, on 24 February 2022, and presenting on “OIC Framework to Promote Tolerance and Interfaith Dialogue”, emphasizing the importance and necessity to chart a more significant road map for the OIC-EU engagement on interfaith dialogue;

- 30. Calls on** Member States to support various types of intercultural engagement and peace-building at the national and international levels;
- 31. Requests** the relevant OIC institutions to support research activities on enlightenment and religious tolerance;
- 32. Expresses** deep concern about all attacks on religious places, sites and shrines that violate international law, in particular international human rights law and international humanitarian law, including any deliberate destruction of relics and monuments, including those carried out in connection with incitement to national, racial or religious hatred;
- 33. Invites** Member States to implement appropriate communications strategies, such as wide-scale awareness-raising campaigns in national and international media, as well as through the Internet, and to disseminate educational information on tolerance, non-violence and freedom of religion or belief;
- 34. Commends** the outcomes of the international symposium on “Promoting the Values of Peace and Dialogue”, held on 18-20 April 2016 in Sousse in Tunisia, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education in the Republic of Tunisia, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO);
- 35. Commends** the Secretary General for engaging in dialogue with the United Nations, and other international organizations, including the OSCE and Council of Europe, political leaders and civil society to underscore the concerns as well as raise global awareness over the dangers of Islamophobia and for his initiative calling for a historical reconciliation between Islam and the Christianity;
- 36. Calls on** the OIC General Secretariat, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), and the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) to continue to strengthen inter-cultural and inter-civilization dialogue through concrete and sustainable initiatives, conferences and symposia; and appeals to all Member States, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to provide with possible financial support for the success of these dialogues;
- 37. Commends** the active role of the Republic of Azerbaijan in promoting intercultural and interreligious dialogue through hosting numerous international events, especially biennial World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue, held within the “Baku Process”, as well as the Seventh Global Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations held on 25-27 April, 2016 in Baku, and 1st and 2nd Baku Summits of World Religious Leaders held in 2010 and 2019”;
- 38. Applauds** the initiatives, programs and activities taken by the General Secretariat and those by the relevant OIC Specialized and subsidiary bodies in particular the ICESCO and IRCICA for celebration of 2010 as the International Year for Promotion of Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Understanding and Cooperation for peace;

- 39. Calls** upon all Member States to give necessary assistance and support to the Dialogue and Outreach Department in implementing its mandates, considering the important role that the OIC plays in boosting dialogue, outreach and openness with all other cultures and civilizations, as described in the Secretary General’s Report at the 45th CFM;
- 40. Commends** the International Conference held by Al-Azhar Al-Shareef and the Council of Muslim Elders on 17-18 January 2018 in Cairo, under the patronage of President Abdul Fattah Al-Sisi, which reaffirmed the Arab and Islamic character of Al-Quds and the invalidity of all measures taken by the US President to relocate the US Embassy to Al-Quds;
- 41. Commends** the organization, in February 2022, of the 32nd International Conference of the Egyptian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, under the theme of “The Contract of Citizenship and its Impact on Achieving Societal and Global Peace”, and HAILS the constructive outputs of this conference;
- 42. Appreciates** the organization, by the Arab Republic of Egypt represented by Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, of the International Conference on “Freedom and Citizenship : Diversity and Integration”, in February 2017;
- 43. Commends** the organization, by Al-Azhar Al-Sharif in cooperation with the League of Arab States, of the International Conference on “Extremism and its Negative Impact on the Future of Arab Cultural Heritage”, in December 2017;
- 44. Welcomes** the organization by the Egyptian Ministry of Awqaf, in cooperation with the League of Islamic Universities, the University of Alexandria, the Muslim World League, and the Institute of Moderation at King Abdulaziz University, of the International Conference on “the Role of Universities in Serving Society and Consolidating Values”, in September 2022;
- 45. Commends** Cairo’s hosting, in September 2022, of the Second Conference on Peaceful Coexistence, organized jointly with the Islamic Broadcasting Union;
- 46. Commends** Cairo’s hosting, in June 2021, of the International Conference organized by the World Association of Al-Azhar Graduates for the representatives of Fulani language-speaking countries, under the theme of “Peaceful Coexistence in a Multi-Religious Society”;
- 47. Commends** the organization, in June 2022, by the “Salam Center” affiliated with the Egyptian Dar Al Iftaa, of the first International Conference on “Religious Extremism: Intellectual Premises and Response Strategies, to discuss the causes of this destructive scourge and ways to confront it;
- 48. Welcomes** the hosting, by the Library of Alexandria, in November 2022, of the International Conference entitled: “Coexistence, Tolerance and Acceptance of the Other: Towards a Better Future”, designed to open up channels of dialogue between participants on ways of promoting the values of coexistence and tolerance;
- 49. Welcomes** the United Nations’ “Plan of Action to Safeguard Religious Sites: In Unity and Solidarity for Safe and Peaceful Worship” launched by the UN Secretary General in September 2019;

B) ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

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

Referring to the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, particularly the Goal 2.3 that focuses on “Moderation, Inter-Cultural and Interfaith Dialogue and Harmony”, and reemphasizing its premise that inter-civilization dialogue, based on mutual respect and understanding, and equality amongst peoples are prerequisites for international peace and security, tolerance and peaceful co-existence,

Acknowledging, in this respect, the valuable contribution of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), launched jointly by Türkiye, and Spain in 2005 to attaining the goals stated in the OIC’s Ten-Year Action Plan,

Remembering its resolutions 1/38-C, 1/39-C, 1/40-C, 1/41-C, 1/42-C, 1/43-C, 1/44-C, 1/45-C, 1/46-C, and 1/47-C on the Alliance of Civilizations adopted by the 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th Sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, respectively,

Recalling also the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the General Secretariat of the OIC and the UNAOC, **underlining** the significance of the Conclusions of the various UNAOC global forums in stemming the tide of intolerance, extremism and polarization between the Islamic world and the West as well as **encouraging** greater cross-cultural understanding,

Emphasizing the importance of membership in the Group of Friends of the UNAOC to effectively contribute to the Alliance’s noble goals,

Noting the UNAOC’s adoption of a Regional Strategy for Southern Europe, the Mediterranean, and Latin America,

Also noting the adoption of UNAOC Action Plan 2019-2023 presenting an overview of the Alliance’s vision and priorities in the four-year period.

1. **Commends** the Secretary-General for his efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the General Secretariat of the OIC and the UNAOC, and also for the OIC’s constructive contributions to the UNAOC meetings and for proposing joint projects;
2. **Commends** the General Secretariat for the decision to form a bilateral consultation with the UNAOC on a regular basis, as well as for the establishment of joint OIC-UNAOC team to follow-up and review the annual progress of the implementation of the MoU between the OIC and the UNAOC;
3. **Commends** the efforts of the Republic of Türkiye and the Kingdom of Spain for the inauguration of the Geneva Office of the UN Alliance of Civilization on 8 November 2021 and encourages the Member States to support the activities of the Office;
4. **Welcomes** the progress in the implementation of the UN Plan of Action to Safeguard Religious Sites and calls upon Member States to further cooperate with the UN Alliance of Civilization in this regard;
5. **Calls on** Member States that have not yet done so, to join the Group of Friends of the UNAOC;

6. Calls on Member States Members of the Group of Friends to reaffirm support to the UNAOC and express conviction that UNAOC plays an important role as a global platform for sharing good practices for living together in inclusive societies;

7. Calls upon Member States of the OIC to actively participate in the work of the Alliance, particularly the development and adoption of the Alliance’s regional strategies and related guiding documents, and the implementation thereof;

8. Encourages all Member States to utilize their participation at UNAOC’s activities to call for wider implementation of Resolution 16/18, as the best way forward for combating incitement to hatred, violence and discrimination based on religion;

9. Commends the Kingdom of Morocco for the successful organization of the Ninth Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations held in Fez, 22 – 23 November 2022 and **welcomes** the final declaration entitled “Towards an Alliance of Peace: Living Together as One Humanity”, adopted by consensus;

C) CULTURAL STRATEGY AND PLAN OF ACTION

Taking note of the reports of the Consultative Council on Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Muslim World (CCICS) adopted at its earlier meetings and the importance of the protection of intellectual and cultural heritage against external threats:

1. Calls upon the ICESCO to develop a comprehensive action plan to ensure the implementation of the revised Cultural Strategy of the Muslim World adopted at the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Culture in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan, on 21-23 November 2017;

2. Hails the adoption of the Tunis Declaration “Towards the development of current cultural policies in the Islamic world” issued by the 11th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers held in Tunis (17-18 December 2019) and reiterates the call upon Member States and relevant Islamic institutions and bodies to consider the implementation of its conclusions and orientations;

3. Calls upon the Member States to implement cultural programs and projects in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and ICESCO in line with the amended Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World;

4. Commends the activities carried out by ICESCO and cultural capitals since 2011, and expresses deep gratitude to Member States that actively participated in these events;

5. Calls for the activation of the Council of the Ambassadors of the OIC Member States in Europe and the America to hold cultural and artistic activities in order to convey the true message of Islam, aiming to improve the image of Muslims, spread Islamic values and cultures to confront hatred and Islamophobic sentiments and serve joint Islamic causes in these countries;

6. Calls upon the Member States to develop action plans on the updated OIC Cultural Strategy with a view to enhancing and projecting the cultural values and strengths of the Muslim world and especially in mitigating and dispelling Islamophobia;

7. **Appreciates** the recommendations and outcomes of the symposium held by the National Center for Archives and Records in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in cooperation and coordination with the General Secretariat in Riyadh on 10 Dhul Qa'ada 1443AH (9 June 2022) on “National Archives in Islamic states: outstanding Experiences and Future Orientation”;

8. **Applauds** the invitation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to convene the first meeting of senior officials in charge of national archives in OIC Member States in 2023 in order to promote cooperation and exchange of expertise and experiences among Member States and to provide mutual support among archiving agencies to keep pace with developments and benefit from best practices and international experiences in the field, given the fact that archives contain huge human heritage and sources of information that should be preserved;

9. **Commends** the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in launching the Culture and Green Future Initiative in partnership with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) during the 23rd session of the conference of ministers in charge cultural affairs in the Arab world hosted in Riyadh in December 2022, and looks forward to similar initiatives being launched with specialized agencies of the OIC, particularly the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) with the objective of serving OIC states in their untiring efforts to spread awareness about the role of culture and support the collective efforts to promote knowledge, skills and practices to make the cultural sector in OIC states more sustainable, environment-friendly and achieve efficiency in the use of Member States' resources in this regard;

D) THE UNIFIED HIJRI CALENDAR

Taking into account the pressing need for the unification and standardization of the Hijri Calendar which will reflect the unity of Muslims during the feasts and celebrations,

Taking note of the conclusions of the scientific symposium on unifying the Hijri Calendar held in Tunis on 11 June 2009 in presence of the OIC General Secretariat, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and the Member States, which include the following:

- **Need to** rely on vision while making use of astronomical calculations and observatories and to take into account scientific facts and fixed and accurate astronomical calculations.
- **Make** use of Al-Shahid System of the Tunisian Scientist Mohamed Al Awsat Al-Iyari.

Taking also note of the International Conference of the Unity of Hijri Calendar, hosted by the Turkish Administration of Religious Affairs (Diyanet) in May 2016 in Istanbul to which scientists, astronomers and officials from around 50 countries attended,

Recalling all previous resolutions supporting *Dar Al-Iftaa* in implementing the satellite project in cooperation with Cairo University and the Center for Aerospace Studies and Consulting in the Arab Republic of Egypt, and stressing the importance of implementing the project proposed 15 years ago with the aim of unifying the Hijra calendar in Islamic countries as an embodiment of their unity,

- 1. Calls on** OIC Member States and institutions and civil society organizations to financially contribute towards the establishment and manufacturing of the Islamic satellite;
- 2. Requests** the Secretary General to take all necessary measures in this regard in coordination with Dar al-IftaaAl-Misriyah with a view to starting the effective implementation of this project;
- 3. Calls upon** all the Member States and Islamic institutions to implement previous resolutions to support the Fatwa Institution in implementing the satellite project with the cooperation of University of Cairo and Centre for Space Studies and Consultations in the Arab Republic of Egypt, and through cooperation with Turkish Administration of Religious Affairs (Diyanet);
- 4. Takes into consideration** the efforts exerted by the United Arab Emirates to achieve the unity of Muslim countries through the two meetings of the sharia scholars and astronomers held in (1438/2016– 1439/2017) that agreed to the unification of the Hijri calendar";
- 5. Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.2/49-C
ON
PALESTINIAN CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conference and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 7th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC,

Also recalling the Security Council Resolution 2334 (2016) which stipulated, inter alia, “that it will not recognize any changes to the 1967 lines, including with regard to Jerusalem”; while **stressing** the importance of this resolution in creating better prospects for achieving comprehensive, lasting and just peace,

Taking into consideration the policies and practices of Israel, the authority of illegitimate occupation towards the Arab citizens in the occupied Palestinian territories, aimed primarily at the eradication of their cultural identity, along with Israel’s attempts to obliterate and disintegrate their national and Arab identity at all levels, including their history and heritage, spanning several millennia, and its continued practices to malign the Islamic civilization, distort historical and geographical facts, in addition to the ongoing policy of colonial settlement expansionism and racial discrimination and separation,

Condemning the crimes of aggression perpetrated by Israel, the authority of illegitimate occupation, on the land of the occupied Palestine especially in its capital city Al-Quds Al-Sharif, such as through forced displacement and expulsion of the indigenous Palestinians, construction and expansion of colonial settlements, and building the racist annexation and expansionist wall around the city for its Judaization,

Recalling the Jakarta Declaration adopted by the 5th Extraordinary Islamic Summit, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 6-7 March 2016 on Palestine and Al-Quds Ash-Sharif,

Stressing the importance of empowering the Palestinian people and the OIC Member States’ support to all efforts aiming to promote and develop quality education in Palestine and provide training to all Palestinian people, both in Palestine and in the Member States,

Expressing deep concern at the incessant Israeli threats and attacks against the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and Islamic and Christian holy places in the territory of the State of Palestine; and other attacks on Palestinian heritage sites, and other sites registered on the World Heritage List, including Al-Quds, Al-Khaleel, and Bethlehem,

Denouncing in the strongest terms the continued and escalating incursions of the occupation forces, its police, and the extremist colonialists into the courtyards of the blessed Aqsa Mosque, and assaults on the worshipers, violating the sanctity of the blessed Al-Haram Al-Qudsi and the rituals of worship in it, as well as the calls by extremists, without accountability, to demolish Al-

Aqsa Mosque, and their establishment of Talmudic prayers in it, in an effort to change the current legal and historical status, and the religious character of these places, in a blatant provocation to the feelings of Muslims and a continued aggression against the Palestinian people and Al-Quds and its sanctities, and **stressing** that there is no legal, religious or historical legitimacy for such steps, which must be confronted and stopped, Also condemning Israel, the illegitimate occupying power, for preventing tens of thousands of Muslims from practicing in prayers in their Mosque, in a flagrant violation of the freedom of worship of Muslims and their right to practice their religious rites in their city of Al-Quds,

Having considered the Secretary General's report on the following matters:

Decides what follows:

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

- 1. Recommends** that all forms of financial and academic support be provided to Palestinian universities to enable discharge of their national educational role; **calls on** the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) to facilitate and encourage twinning agreements between Palestinian and FUIW affiliate counterparts for stronger cooperation; **invites** partner universities to exchange students via academic training programs; and calls for an annual conference of Palestinian and other universities from the Member States for further cooperation and mutual support in all fields, most notably in scientific research;
- 2. Calls on** the Member States to allocate scholarships to Palestinian students in all areas of study; **expresses** appreciation to the Member States that have offered scholarships; and **urges** them to increase these scholarships and reduce tuition fees for Palestinian students;
- 3. Calls on the** Member States, Islamic funds, the IDB and other OIC organs to contribute effectively and generously to Al-Quds University, in recognition of the importance of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and in support of education in the city;

B) THE EDUCATIONAL SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED STATE OF PALESTINE AND SYRIAN GOLAN:

- 1. Condemns** the targeting, sabotage, and systematic and widespread destruction, by Israel, the illegitimate occupying power, and its various tools of military, settlers, and politicians, of schools, universities, and cultural and heritage sites, in the land of the occupied State of Palestine, especially in the city of Al-Quds , and the repeated acts of aggression against it and its impact on the cultural and educational life, targeting teachers and students;
- 2. Condemns** the distortion of the Palestinian curricula as part of a systematic and frenzied Israeli propaganda campaign to undermine the Palestinian national narrative and identity, and to cut off international aid from the Palestinian education sector, and **affirms** its rejection of all extortion campaigns and conditional support to the education sector. In this regard, **it calls on** Member States to support all efforts undertaken by the State of Palestine and to provide financial support for this vital sector;

3. Calls on the Member States to declare a cultural and academic boycott of Israel the illegitimate occupying power, including Israeli universities, for their subversive role both in misrepresenting and distorting facts and the Palestinian narrative, and in promoting the colonial regime established by the illegal occupation authority;

4. Condemns strongly the attempts of Israel, the illegitimate occupying power, to impose Israeli curricula on the schools of the occupied city of Al-Quds to replace Arab Palestinian curricula and attempts to falsify and Israelize the Palestinian curriculum, and imposing sanctions on schools that refuse to comply with its decisions, including closing some of them to impose its version of history on Al-Quds citizens as a prelude to Judaize the city and obliterate its Arab identity, in a blatant violation of international laws and instruments; and **calls** for addressing an international appeal to counter such violations and for the OIC Group at the relevant UN fora to act promptly to compel Israel, the illegitimate occupying power, to stop its egregiously colonial and racial policies;

5. Strongly Condemns the continuous restrictions imposed by the occupation authorities on education in Al-Quds, including more precisely the Israeli threats to close UNRWA schools and other schools in Al-Quds Ash-Sharif, which through these measures seek to Judaize the city, undermine the Palestinian presence therein, and prevent Palestinian refugees from benefiting from UNRWA services;

6. Calls on the Member States to act on their previous decisions to finance the Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan and to provide all necessary financial assistance to secure the funding required for the development of education in the occupied territories, in general, and in the East Jerusalem, in particular, and to actualize the educational aspect of the plan for the development of Eastern Al-Quds, in view of the extreme difficulties faced by the educational process in the Holy City on account of the practices of the Israeli occupation authorities to impose their own educational curricula, prevent the construction of schools or refuse their expansion and restoration, impose high taxes on schools reporting to the Palestinian Ministry of Education, close down schools outside their control, and erect security barriers impeding movement and transportation of teachers and students and prevent access to their places of work, schools and universities. They are also subjected to continuous harassment and attacks by settlers. The Council also **calls on** the Secretary General to continue work towards this end in association with the Member States and in cooperation with the competent parties in the State of Palestine;

7. Condemns in the strongest terms, the illegal and illegitimate Israeli measures and policies that target the cultural life in Palestine in general and the Occupied Al-Quds in particular, which specifically include banning the activities and functioning of the Maqdissi cultural institutions and closing them under flimsy allegations, imposing high taxes thereon, targeting the Palestinian intelligentsia, precluding the organization of cultural events, refusing the issuance of the required permits for Arab and Muslim intelligentsia to enter the State of Palestine, all forming part of the cultural blockade, along with other procedures that target the cultural and holy sites in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif through falsifying their history and stealing them;

8. Calls for the support of the cultural institutions and schools in the occupied Al-Quds City to enable them to continue their functioning and implement their cultural programmes aimed at

protecting the Arab and Muslim identity of the city and countering the incessant Israeli attempts to Judaize and Israelize the City, falsify its history and change its idiosyncratic landmarks;

9. Invites the General Secretariat to produce an academic subject about the history of the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, so as to acquaint generations of the Muslim Ummah with the historical, religious, and cultural significance of the city of Al-Quds and Al Aqsa Mosque and the coexistence between followers of revealed faiths, show the Palestinian people's suffering under occupation and identify their inalienable rights in their land. The Council also **calls on** the General Secretariat, in coordination with the Muslim World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) and with the State of Palestine, to prepare such materials and translate them into the OIC official languages, and hold in 2022 a symposium of experts to prepare this academic subject;

10. Calls on the Member States, in coordination with the State of Palestine, relevant United Nations bodies and international organisations to periodically conduct cultural and academic symposia, meetings and conferences on the question of Palestine and the religious, historical and cultural significance of Palestine with Al-Quds at its centre, with the ultimate aim being to highlight the city's contribution to the Muslim history and to Human civilization, and to introduce generations to its position in universal history;

11. Calls on the international community to shoulder its full responsibility in compelling Israel to abide by the rules of international law, including the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and all relevant international conventions, particularly those related to human as well as religious, cultural and social rights and the UNESCO agreements; and **calls on** the High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention to implement the measures adopted by the successive conferences of High Contracting Parties, according to the first article of the treaty, and take the necessary steps to end the incessant violations and crimes committed by the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian civilians measures, and work collectively to ensure the perpetrators of these crimes are held to account;

12. Reiterates its full support and assistance for the inhabitants of the occupied Syrian Golan in their resistance against the oppressive Israeli practices, and their legitimate struggle to preserve their cultural, national, and Arab identity, and appeals to the United Nations and to specialized international bodies and institutions, particularly UNESCO, to counter these Israeli policies which violate international laws and conventions;

13. Calls for support to the steadfastness of the Syrian citizens in the occupied Syrian Golan against the Israeli practices aimed at obliterating their Arab cultural identity and proclaims its support for the preservation of the Syrian Arab educational curricula and the provision of their educational and cultural materials;

14. Condemns the unlawful and illegal actions and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities against educational and other institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan, that contradict with the UNESCO principles, their cancellation of the Syrian educational curricula in the villages of the Golan, and their substitution by Israeli curricula, their imposition of the teaching of Hebrew instead of Arabic, their replacement of the teaching staff to serve the goals and directives of Israeli policy, their imposition of measures to deny Syrian Arab citizens access to higher education in

Syrian universities and their denying some of those who manage to get education in those universities the right to return to their homes;

C) THE CONTINUOUS ISRAELI AGGRESSIONS AND VIOLATIONS AGAINST ISLAMIC HOLY SITES AND CULTURE IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE ISLAMIC CHARACTER, HUMAN HERITAGE, AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS OF AL-QUDS AL-SHARIF

1. Reiterates the necessity of implementing all previous Islamic resolutions on the preservation of the Islamic character and human heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif; and calls on the Member States to respect these resolutions, including through supporting and voting relevant resolutions at international institutions;

2. Affirms that all practices through which Israel, the illegitimate occupying power, seeks to change the character and status of the city and its demographic composition and annex parts of it are null and void and have no legal validity; and **calls on** the Member States to take all appropriate measures to counter the recognition of the illegal annexation of Israel, the illegitimate occupying power, of Al-Quds or the relocation of their embassies and representative offices to the Holy City;

3. Calls for continued urgent and effective action at all Islamic and international levels with a view to compelling Israel to rescind its decision to annex the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif; reaffirming the City's Arab character and legal status; and rejecting its annexation or Judaization, in line with the relevant Resolutions of international legality, particularly United Nations Security Council Resolutions No. 465 (1980) and 478 (1980); while exerting all efforts in order to implement these two resolutions in conformity with the resolutions of the United Nations and international legality;

4. Condemns and rejects again Israel's illegal decision to add Al-Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron and Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque in Bethlehem to the Israeli heritage list, which is actually an act of looting Palestinian cultural and heritage sites. the Council also **calls on** the international community and UNESCO to assume their responsibilities of protecting the Palestinian cultural and heritage places, and compelling Israel to abide by international law and Geneva conventions including UNESCO conventions, and confirms that these are Palestinian sites registered on the UNESCO World Heritage List, and the Palestinian Heritage List and, in this regard, **invites** Member States to support the efforts of the State of Palestine in its quest for the inclusion of its cultural and tangible and intangible heritage sites in specialized world heritage lists;

5. Condemns in the strongest terms the ongoing campaign launched by the illegal occupation authorities to alter and distort the history of Islamic and Christian monuments and falsify the Arab civilizational history in Palestine, including those that target heritage and religious sites in historical Palestine, which have affected a number of important historical sites including the Mercy Gate, Bab Al-Khalil (Gate of Hebron), the Armenian quarter, the Al-Youssoufia cemetery and Mamilla cemetery, the largest Islamic cemetery in Al-Quds. The Council also commissions the Muslim Group within UNESCO to follow up on this matter and take the necessary steps thereto pertaining;

6. Calls on ICESCO and IRCICA to organize a campaign to restore cultural, heritage, historical and religious holdings stolen since 1947, including books and manuscripts; and **calls on** the Member States to support this campaign, and not to cooperate with institutions that contribute to the theft and distortion of the cultural heritage of the Palestinian people, including the Simon Wiesenthal Foundation and the Rockefeller Museum;

7. Strongly condemns the Israeli occupation authorities for building the Annexation and Separation Wall, the so-called Jerusalem Envelope, which seeks to isolate the City of Al-Quds from its Palestinian environment and for its unrelenting attempts to Judaize it by altering its civilizational, historical, and cultural landmarks. The Council also **insists on** the implementation of the advisory opinion rendered by the International Court of Justice on 9 July 2004 concerning the legal consequences of the construction of a wall in the occupied Palestinian territory; and **condemns** all states and entities that encourage this illegal behavior, including those states that opened diplomatic and commercial offices in Al-Quds;

8. Strongly denounces and decries the continued aggression perpetrated by Israel, the illegitimate occupying power, against the Al-Aqsa Mosque, along with the Israeli attempts to install its temporal and spatial division by allowing settlers to enter and pray in the Mosque's compound; decries the continued excavations carried around and under the Mosque which led to the fall of a large section of the Mosque's fence on the Western Gate and endangered the Palestinians' houses;

9. Requests the General Secretariat to continue working with international agencies and institutions, particularly with UNESCO, to implement the initiative of UNESCO's Director General to restore Al-Quds Al-Sharif, preserve the historic buildings of the sacred city and the ancient buildings surrounding Al-Quds Holy Sanctuary; close the tunnels constructed by Israel; stop the excavation works especially on the south and west of the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque; and counter any designs aimed altering and obliterating the Islamic character of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, and dispatching a special representative of the UNESCO Director-General to Al-Quds, and a UNESCO exploratory mission to examine the devastating impact of Israel's actions on the Palestinian historical and cultural heritage in Al-Quds, especially in the Old City and its walls;

10. Calls on the Member States to contribute to the restoration of the old town in Al-Khalil and to safeguard the heritage and culture of this historic city and its Palestinian residents in order to counter Jewish colonialist settlement attack in the city; and **urges** the Member States to strengthen the steadfastness of Al-Khalil (Hebron) population, such as through importing products for which the city is known;

11. Calls on the Member States to support the establishment of cultural centers in the State of Palestine, and to develop cultural facilities and infrastructure, especially in Al-Khalil, and in remote and marginalized areas and those targeted by the Israeli occupation authorities through confiscation of lands to build and expand the Israeli settlements and build new sections of the Apartheid Wall, notably in Salfeet and Qalqilya Governorates and Al-Aghwar to solidify the steadfastness of the citizens in this area through the activation of the cultural life in these governorates that lack the infrastructure required by cultural action;

12. Requests the Member States to coordinate and intensify their efforts in the various international forums to counter the attempts of Israel, the illegitimate occupying power, to alter the

religious and historical character of Islamic and Christian sanctuaries on the land of the State of Palestine, and also to counter the partitioning of Mosque in Hebron and the settlement campaign at the heart of the city;

13. Requests the Member States to support the resolutions related to Al-Quds Ash-Sharif in international fora, while making statements at relevant sessions; **expresses** in this regard its regret at the failure of a number of Member States to support resolutions related to Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the Palestinian cause;

14. Requests the General Secretariat to devise a plan of action, in coordination with the Member States, to promote religious tourism in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif; and **calls** for practical steps to organize cultural weeks in member states, including photo exhibitions, seminars and the projection of documentaries on the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, the aim being to raise awareness about the Israeli violations in the city;

15. Requests the General Secretariat to constitute an ad-hoc committee of legal and heritage experts from Member States to propose an action plan to face the grave violations perpetrated by Israel, the illegitimate occupying power, in the vicinity of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque in the form of excavations and threat to the Mosque's foundations, make necessary legal recommendations for the protection of the Mosque and other holy places in the city of Al-Quds Ash-Sharif and other parts of Palestine, and ensure follow-up at international forums; and **invites** the General Secretariat to conduct a workshop to accomplish this task;

16. Calls on the Member States to boycott all individuals, governments, companies, or institutions that contribute to the imposition of Israeli colonial occupation in the State of Palestine and the judaization of Al-Quds city, such as holding formal meetings in the city of Al-Quds, relocating its embassies in the city, installing projects as part of the Israeli colonial pattern in the State of Palestine, or adopting the fake Israeli narration of the city's history and religious standing. It also **calls** for circulating a nominal list of international companies and individuals contributing to the imposition of the Israeli control over the city of Al-Quds to Member States, in order to boycott of them in line with the relevant OIC resolutions;

17. Calls on the Member States to completely boycott all academic, cultural and artistic festivals and activities organized by public or private Israeli institutions – all the more so because these Israeli institutions use art and culture as a guise for incessant Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people, and as this enables Israeli cultural dominion over the Arab culture and arts in Palestine;

18. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and submit a detailed report on ways to support the educational and cultural situation in the State of Palestine to the 50th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 3/49-C
ON
PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES

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Recalling the objectives of the OIC, which stress the need for coordinated effort to safeguard the Islamic Holy Places and strengthen the struggle of Islamic peoples for the preservation of their dignity, independence and national rights,

Affirming those objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the OIC aimed at coordinating efforts to safeguard and preserve the Islamic heritage,

Also recalling the Resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, on the unified stand against the desecration of Islamic Holy Places, especially Resolution No. 3/6-C (IS) of the Sixth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference,

Recalling the Resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on the unified stand against the violations of the sanctity of the Sacred Muslim Places:

A) DESTRUCTION OF THE BABRI MASJID IN INDIA AND PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES

Noting that the Babri Masjid with its history spanning five centuries was the object of veneration and respect for Muslims all over the world,

Deploring attempts by hardline Hindu extremist organizations, in particular, the RSS, to create a fallacious religious justification for the demolition of the Babri Masjid,

Recalling that 2022 marked the 30th Anniversary of the demolition of the Babri Masjid,

Regretting that India has taken no concrete steps towards rebuilding of the Masjid or punishing those responsible for the sacrilegious act of its destruction and killing of thousands of innocent Muslims in its aftermath,

Deeply regretting that many of the perpetrators involved in the destruction of the Babri Masjid enjoy power and authority in India, and have continued to foment a rabid anti-Muslim sentiment to further their political fortunes,

Recalling that the Organization of Islamic Cooperation has consistently urged the Indian Government to prevent any violation of the sanctity of the Masjid and emphasized the

responsibility of the Government of India for safeguarding the inviolability of the Masjid and protecting its building against attacks by Hindu extremists,

Rejecting the decision by the Indian Supreme Court in November 2019 blatantly sanctifying the demolition of the Babri Masjid and the construction of a Ram Mandir at the site,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief titled “Countering Islamophobia/Anti-Muslim Hatred to Eliminate Discrimination and Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief” which documents wide-spread and systematic attacks against the Muslim minority in India including their places of worship,

1. **Strongly condemns** the destruction of the historic Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, India, by Hindu extremists on 6 December 1992;
2. **Expresses deep regret** over the failure of the Indian authorities to take appropriate measures to protect this important Muslim holy site;
3. **Condemns** the forced and illegal entry of Hindu militants into the site of the Babri Masjid on 17 October 2001;
4. **Condemns** the failure of the Government of India to resolve the dispute, to provide safety and security to the Muslim minority in India and using Babri Masjid for political gains in favour of BJP and its ideological base RSS by inflaming the Hindu extremism;
5. **Deplores** the decision of the Indian Supreme Court regarding the historic Babri Masjid that allowed the construction of a Hindu temple at the very site where the Babri Masjid stood for about five centuries until it was demolished in an act of bloody political vandalism unparalleled in the modern world;
6. **Expresses deep concern** that the verdict contained several contradictions and failed to uphold the demands of justice and India’s obligations to protect its minorities and their places of worship;
7. **Deplores** the action by the Government of India to lay the foundation stone for the construction of the *Ram Mandir* on 5 August 2020, the first anniversary of India’s illegal actions in the Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir and **underscores** that these actions reflect the systematic attempts by India to rewrite history by obliterating all vestiges of Islamic culture and tradition and to turn India into a Hindu *Rashtra*;
8. **Demands** India to ensure that the Babri Mosque is rebuilt on its original site and to take immediate steps for the protection of hundreds of vulnerable mosques and to ensure the safety and protection of Muslims and Islamic Holy sites throughout India;
9. **Further condemns** Gujarat riots, repugnant schemes like Ghar wapsi and ‘Love Jihad’, Citizenship Amendment Act (CCA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC) and rising incidents of lynching against minorities, resulting in the deaths and injuries to many Indian Muslims, as part of an extremist Hindutva ideology to convert India into a “Hindu Rashtra”;

10. Further expresses deep concern at the provocative statements of BJP leaders about Taj Mahal of having been built on the site of a Hindu temple, and views such statements as reflective of sinister plans to desecrate this historical site;

11. Strongly believes that such statements are totally against historical facts and are only aimed at denigrating the Muslim minority in India, and urges the Indian government to ensure the protection of this great historical site;

12. Calls on OIC Member States to raise the case of Babri Mosque at the UNESCO and the Islamic group at UNESCO to follow it up in a result-oriented manner in order to prevent occurrence of incidents of desecration of Islamic sites in India in future;

13. Requests the United Nations Alliance of Civilization (UNAOC) to undertake a mapping exercise consisting of all such vulnerable religious sites in India with a view to improving their overall protection;

14. Recommends the Member States and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of the operative paragraphs of Resolution 3/11-C (IS) adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Resolution 3/39-C adopted by 39th CFM, Resolution 3/40-C adopted by the 40th CFM, Resolution 3/41-C adopted by the 41st CFM, Resolution 3/42-C adopted by the 42nd CFM and Resolution 3/43-C adopted by the 43rd CFM, 3/44-C adopted by the 44rd CFM, 3/45-C of the 45th CFM, 3/46-C adopted by the 46th CFM, by the 47th CFM 3/47-C and adopted by 48th CFM which call upon the Government of India to:

- a) Ensure the safety and protection of the Muslims and all Islamic Holy Sites throughout India in accordance with its responsibilities and obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments.
- b) Take immediate steps to implement its solemn commitment to reconstruct the Babri Masjid on its original site, to restore it as a Holy Place for Muslims, and to punish those guilty of the sacrilegious act of destroying a revered Muslim symbol.
- c) Take effective measures to prevent the construction of a temple on the site of the Babri Mosque.
- d) Take immediate steps to ensure the protection of the other 3000 Mosques, especially those at Mathura and Varanasi, which have been the targets of threats and destruction attempts by Hindu extremists.

B) DESTRUCTION OF THE CHARAR-E-SHARIF ISLAMIC COMPLEX IN KASHMIR AND OTHER ISLAMIC SITES THEREIN

Deeply concerned that, as a result of Indian armed action on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha in 1415H (1995), over 1500 houses and shops were gutted, holy relics were destroyed and the mosque and the Islamic Complex of Charar-e-Sharif razed to the ground, and deeply concerned at other incidences of damage to: the Dargah Hazratibal in 1993 and 1995, the Shrine of the Shah-e-Hamadan in December 1997, the Jamia Mosque of Safapur in Baramula district in January 1998, the historic Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar in January 2001, Chadora mosque in October 2001

and a mosque in Srinagar with burning of the Holy Qur'an on 14 December 2002, Khanqah-e-Faiz Panah Tral in 2012, Dastger Sahab in 2012, Zarith Zain Shah Wali Ashmaqam in 2013:

1. **Strongly deplores** the destruction of the 542 year old Islamic complex at Charar-e-Sharif which constitutes a serious aggression against the Islamic heritage of the Muslim people of Kashmir;
2. **Expresses its concern** over the loss of life and the burning of over 1500 houses of the civil residents of Charar-e-Sharif;
3. **Strongly condemns** the burning of the Shrine of Shah-e-Hamadan and the desecration of the Jamia Mosque at Safapur, and the burning of the Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar and other incidents of desecration of Muslim Holy places;
4. **Also condemns** the continuing intensified Indian atrocities against Kashmiries including desecration of Mosques and Muslim Holy Places and denial of religious and human rights to the Muslim population in the Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir;
5. **Urges** the international community, especially the Member States to exert utmost efforts to protect the basic rights of the Kashmiri people, including their right to self-determination according to the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions as well as to safeguard their religious and cultural rights and their Islamic heritage;

C) THE DESTRUCTION AND DESECRATION OF ISLAMIC HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RELICS AND SHRINES IN THE TERRITORIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN RESULTING FROM THE AGGRESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

Gravely concerned over the continued consequences of the aggression by the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan,

Condemned the loss, destruction, removal theft, pillage, illicit movement or misappropriation of Islamic historical and cultural relics and shrines in the territories of Azerbaijan during occupation, and acts of vandalism or damage directed against such objects,

Emphasizing that pieces of Azerbaijani history, culture, archaeology, and ethnography affected by the aggression of Armenia against Azerbaijan are an integral part of Islamic heritage, and, therefore, must be protected,

Strongly urge the Republic of Armenia to recognize and respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan and to take all necessary steps to eliminate the consequences of its armed aggression against the Republic of Azerbaijan,

Reaffirming also that the utter and barbaric destruction of mosques and other Islamic Shrines in the territories of Azerbaijan during occupation by Armenia constitutes a war crime and a crime against humanity,

Noting the tremendous losses inflicted by the Armenia on the Islamic heritage in the territories of Azerbaijan during occupation, including total or partial demolition of rare antiquities and places of Islamic civilization, history, and architecture, such as mosques, mausoleums, graves, archaeological excavations, museums, libraries, art exhibition halls, and government theatres and conservatories, besides the destruction and smuggling out of the country of large quantities of priceless treasures and millions of books and historic manuscripts,

Stating that such actions by the Republic of Armenia constitute a serious violation of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and 1954 and 1999 protocols thereto,

Fully sharing the anguish of the government and people of Azerbaijan in this regard:

Welcoming the report on the visit of the representatives of the OIC Contact Group on the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan to Azerbaijan on 5-10 April 2021, including its territories affected by the armed aggression of Armenia, and taking note of the dismay expressed by the visiting delegations about the degree of devastation they had witnessed in those territories caused by the destructive policy of Armenia:

- 1. Strongly condemns** the barbaric acts committed by Armenia with the aim of total annihilation of the Islamic historic and cultural heritage in the territories of Azerbaijan during occupation;
- 2. Express** also its strong condemnation of the humiliation and desecration by Armenia of the Mosques located in the liberated territories of Azerbaijan by using them as animal stables.
- 3. Stresses** the necessity to ensure the protection of cultural heritage, cultural property and sacred sites in the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, where the peacekeeping contingent of the Russian Federation is temporarily deployed to, through inter alia, the prohibition and prevention of any illicit export, other removal or transfer of ownership of cultural property, any archaeological excavation, as well as any alteration to, or change of use of, cultural property which is intended to conceal or destroy cultural, historical or scientific evidence;
- 4. Demands** that Armenia cease any attempts to introduce Azerbaijani historical and cultural heritage as its own, including at tourism fairs and exhibitions;
- 5. Reaffirms** its support for the efforts deployed by Azerbaijan at regional and international levels aimed at protecting, preserving and restoring, as appropriate Islamic cultural values and treasures in its territories affected by the aggression of Armenia;
- 6. Reaffirms** also Azerbaijan's right to claim appropriate reparation for the damages it has sustained, and affirms Armenia's responsibility to provide such reparation;
- 7. Requests** the relevant OIC subsidiary organs and specialized agencies to explore the possibility of drawing up a program to help rebuild the mosques, educational institutions, libraries, and museums in the Azerbaijani territories liberated from occupation with the help of OIC Member States;

8. Thanks the Secretary-General for transmitting the OIC Member States' position on this issue to the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), UNESCO, and other international bodies, and for the coordination measures he has taken within the framework of OIC subsidiary, specialized, and affiliated organs. It also thanks those organs and organizations for their response, especially for the adoption by the IDB and ISESCO of programs to implement projects aimed at protecting Islamic holy places in the Republic of Azerbaijan;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 50th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO.4/49-CUL
ON
SOCIAL AND FAMILY AFFAIRS**

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Proceeding from the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC);

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 13th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, particularly the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference, which called on the Secretary General to study the rules and mechanisms regulating the work of the various sectoral Ministerial Meetings in order to enhance the effectiveness of their work, the resolutions 4/45-CUL and 4/46-CUL adopted by the 45th and 46th sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers respectively on holding OIC Sectorial Meetings of Ministers of Social Affairs in Member States, the resolutions of the 7th session of the Ministerial Conference on the role of women in development in OIC Member States; the resolutions of the 1st session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Marriage and Family Institution and the preservation of its values in OIC Member States; the resolutions of the 4th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports; and the resolutions of the 5th Ministerial Conference on Child Welfare and Protection in OIC Member States; and resolution 4/47-CUL adopted by the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, welcoming the outcomes of the 1st Ministerial Conference on Social Development,

Recalling also the resolutions of the 1st Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Empowerment of Family and Marriage Institution and Preservation of its Values in the Member States, the resolutions of the 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers, and the resolutions of the 5th Ministerial Conference on Child's welfare and Protection in the Islamic World,

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

Taking note that the United National Sustainable Development Goals do not include any specific family-oriented goals,

Having considered the resolution of the UN Human Rights Council on "Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity" and the statement of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) on the matter,

Commending the decision taken by the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level, which rejects this resolution, and the position of OIC Member States and other non-member states, which opposed the resolution at the Human Rights Council because it includes many

unacceptable issues that are in total contradiction with the teachings and values of Islam and other divine religions and with the human common sense,

Emphasizing the need to reinforce the participation and inclusion of elderly (as well as disabled) and persons with special needs,

Affirming the need to accord utmost attention to preserving the marriage and family institution in Member States,

Recalling the provisions of the Cairo OIC Declaration on Human Rights in Islam, which emphasize the importance of the rights of the child,

Recognizing that family assumes the prime responsibility in caring for children, protecting them and developing their personality,

Aware that OIC Member States lack effective policies to promote and preserve the welfare and social security of the elderly and people with special needs in the Islamic world,

Recognizing also the increasing number of older persons in Member States thanks to the improvement of health services and other facilities in recent decades,

Emphasizing the need to promote the participation and integration of the elderly and people with special needs, including their role in educating the next generations,

Seeking to ensure that the elderly and people with special needs are not discriminated against because of their age of condition,

Reaffirming the need to strengthen the laws, regulations and policies on the rights and treatment of the elderly and people with special needs, and support institutions in charge of ensuring a healthy life to family and society,

Taking into consideration that the elderly, women, children and people with special needs are the most vulnerable categories among refugees and IDPs,

Emphasizing the importance of global solidarity and multilateral cooperation in overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic,

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on social affairs:

A) SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Commends the efforts of the Republic of Türkiye and the OIC General Secretariat for the successful organization of First Session of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development in OIC Member States, hosted by the Republic of Türkiye in Istanbul on 7-9 December 2019; **Welcomes** the outcomes of the Conference and its resolutions; and **takes note of** the Istanbul Declaration, and **calls** for the implementation of all the Conference outcomes;

- 2. Confirms** the offer made by the Arab Republic of Egypt to hold the 2nd session of the Ministerial Meeting on Social Development, and emphasizes the principle of equitable geographical rotation in holding the next sessions of the said conference, particularly the offers made by Niger, Afghanistan and Qatar to host the next sessions of the Meeting;
- 3. Reaffirms** its rejection of the HRC Resolution on Sexual Orientation and the establishment of the mandate of Independent Expert on the subject; **provides** full support for the position of the ambassadors of the OIC Group in Geneva that would neither recognize or cooperate with this new mandate; **commends** the declaration it prepared titled: Condemnation of the Human Rights resolution "protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity;" **also commends** the efforts of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) in preparing the study on sexual orientation and gender identity; and **Calls on** Member States and relevant OIC institutions to provide the required support to Member States facing pressure in this regard;
- 4. Requests** Member States to spread the Islamic values relevant to women, the child and family in general, in order to project the true image of Islamic and improve the conditions of children in the Muslim world, and Requests the relevant OIC institutions in this regard, especially the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), Women Development Organization (WDO), the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC), the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), the Research Centre For Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), the International Islamic University in Malaysia, and the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA) to draw up, with the coordination of the General Secretariat, a document on the Islamic values vis-à-vis women and children, the aim being to build knowledge of these values and to counter the dissemination of misconceptions of Islam;
- 5. Urges** Member States to improve the conditions and welfare of children, especially those living in different conditions in conflict-affected regions, and to provide the physical and emotional needs of displaced and refugee children by providing educational and health assistance and helping them return to their normal life; and **commends** the efforts exerted by a number of Member States in this field, and calls for an appropriate level of assistance to these countries. **Welcomes in this context**, the project of providing social support and empowering women in the refugee and IDPs places, and caring for children without parental care in the Member States, which was prepared by the General Secretariat in coordination with the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and **calls upon** the Member States and the relevant institutions, especially the Islamic Development Bank, to support the project;
- 6. Urges** Member States to improve the living conditions and welfare of children affected by unilateral coercive measures including economic blockade and sanctions imposed on their countries;
- 7. Requests** Member States to take necessary measures to protect children from the dangers of harmful media programmes and to support programmes that promote the cultural, moral and ethical values of children and families, and to elaborate and implement strategies to prevent child abuse on the internet, and asks the Member States to explore ways to protect children from various

forms of violence against them, by combining efforts, mechanisms and approaches towards a joint preventive strategy;

8. Commends the substantial role of Bangladesh in advocating the provision of ideal care and protection to children suffering from autism by adopting national policies, mechanisms and programmes and holding international symposia and activities on the sideline of various international for a and conferences, including UN conferences; and **appeals** to Member States to demonstrate their support for these advocacy efforts, **commends** the achievement of the Islamic Republic of Iran as a leading state in improving the quality of life of autistic people and their families;

9. Urges Member States to take measures to ensure retention of girls in the educational system and providing education on privacy to children and their families;

10. Commends the efforts of the General Secretariat and the ICESCO to prepare a guiding framework for the OIC Strategy in the field of child care and welfare in the Muslim world, which was presented to the Ministerial Conference on Social Development; **invites** the ICESCO to prepare the draft strategy in cooperation with the General Secretariat and relevant OIC organs; and mandates the General Secretariat to hold an intergovernmental group of experts' meeting to discuss the draft strategy in coordination with the ICESCO;

11. Commends the efforts of the IPHRC in the framework of the revision and update process of the OIC Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam, in line with international human rights instruments; in coordination with the General Secretariat, the ICESCO, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and other relevant OIC organs;

12. Welcomes the convening of the first meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts to discuss the revised document of the OIC Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam (OCRCI) titled "OIC Convention on the Rights of the Child", on 6-7 February 2022, and the second meeting on 29-30 November 2022 at the headquarters of the General Secretariat and **welcomes** the results of the two meetings, and calls on the General Secretariat, in coordination with the IPHRC, to hold meetings of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts in order to finalize the discussion of the Convention document and its implementation mechanisms prior to submitting it to the Council of Foreign Ministers for consideration and adoption;

13. Invites the General Secretariat in cooperation with relevant OIC institutions, especially ICESCO and SESRIC to study the different types of programmes of the Social Safety Net in place in the Member States in order to encourage the sharing of best practices in the area of the welfare of the elderly and people with special needs and the protection of their social security;

14. Commends the efforts of the General Secretariat and SESRIC in holding a workshop to strengthen the capacities of national institutions working in the field of social development, on 2-4 August 2022, virtually at SESRIC headquarters in cooperation with the Republic of Türkiye, Chair of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development, with the participation of 216 experts from Member States, and in coordination with the concerned OIC organs and institutions, particularly ICESCO, IDB, IPHRC, IIFA, the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT),

IRCICA and the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), as well as the concerned regional and international organizations;

15. Commends the efforts of the General Secretariat and SESRIC in cooperation with relevant OIC institutions to prepare a draft OIC Plan of Action for the protection of people with special needs and disabled persons; **thanks** the Republic of Guinea for hosting two high-level experts panel discussions to discuss ways to integrate disabled people and enrich the OIC action plan in the area, held on 23-24 December 2019 and on 17-18 March 2021 in Conakry; and **invites** the General Secretariat to hold an open-ended intergovernmental group of experts' meeting to review and discuss the draft action plan, in order to finalize it in preparation for submission to the Ministerial Conference on Social Development and the Council of Foreign Ministers for consideration and adoption;

16. Commends Azerbaijan for its consistent efforts and timely initiatives to support the global fight, including the convening of the special session of the UN General Assembly on the COVID-19 held on December 3-4, 2020 at the initiative of His Excellency Mr. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan as the chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement;

17. Welcomes the adoption, at the initiative of Azerbaijan as the chair of Non-Aligned Movement, of the resolutions 46/14 and A/RES/76/175 adopted respectively by the 46th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council and the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly on ensuring equitable, affordable, timely and universal access for all countries to vaccines in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic;

18. Calls on the OIC and its Member States to support international efforts intended to ensure fair and equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccines;

19. Calls on the OIC Member States to support the initiative put forward by Azerbaijan to establish a UN High Level Panel on Global Recovery from the COVID-19;

B) PROTECTING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY INSTITUTION VALUES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF ORIGINAL ISLAMIC VALUES

Guided by the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation which provides for the creation of conducive conditions for sound upbringing of Muslim children and youth, and to inculcate in them Islamic values through education for strengthening their cultural, social, moral and ethical ideals,

Guided also by the objectives and principles of the Charter to disseminate, promote and preserve the Islamic teachings and values based on moderation and tolerance, promote Islamic culture and safeguard Islamic heritage; and promote, protect and develop the role of the family as the natural and fundamental unit of society; and promote common position on issues of common interest in the international fora,

Recalling and reiterating resolution no. 4/43-C of the Council of Foreign Ministers rejecting the Human Rights Council resolution on sexual orientation,

Taking note of the Jeddah Declaration adopted by the First Session of the Ministerial Conference on Marriage and Family Institution and Preservation of its Values in Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation which contained recommendations for total rejection of sexual perversion and homosexuality; **Also takes** note of the outcome of the symposium hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Jeddah , December 2018, on ways to address Human Rights Council resolutions on sexual perversion and homosexuality,

Referring to the resolution adopted by the First Session of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development in the Member States, hosted by the Republic of Turkiye in Istanbul from 7 to 9 December 2019, in particular paragraph 6 thereof which invites Member States to consolidate their positions at international fora to oppose the UNHRC resolutions on sexual orientation and gender identity in line with the Council of Foreign Ministers resolutions which called for taking practical steps to counter those UNHRC resolutions,

Commending the efforts of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission in preparing a study on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity,

Commends the recommendations that came out of the 20th regular session of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC), and **WELCOMES** the IPHRC's launch of the new study on analysis of the aspects of the debate on sexual orientation and gender identity from the perspective of International Human Rights Law only, by making use of the best minds to formulate a legally sound argument that would resonate with Western groups and their supporters.

Recalling Article 16, paragraph 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which provides that “the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State”,

Affirming the importance of inculcating Islamic teachings of marriage and family institution to preserve its cohesion in order to confront the ethical and intellectual challenges threatening its identity and existence,

Deeply concerned about the threat to Muslim societies and their natural composition in line with Islamic teaching based on natural disposition by some international orientations seeking to impose erroneous agendas and values on them,

Conscious of the importance of coordinating and unifying diplomatic positions at regional and international fora to reject any resolutions, languages or international orientations imposing on Muslim societies values that are aberrant to Islam regarding the nature of human gender, family composition or sexual orientation and gender identity,

- 1. Commends** the efforts of the group of OIC Ambassadors at the United Nations in New York, Geneva and other relevant international and regional organizations in working to protect Islamic values of the marriage and family institution and invites them to take common positions to reject any resolutions, languages or orientations contrary to original Islamic values in this regard, particularly regarding sexual orientation and gender identity and to act together to handle these resolutions and languages;

2. **Invites** OIC Member States in relevant international and regional institutions to coordinate and cooperate to take preemptive steps against imposition of any orientations contrary to relevant OIC resolutions on safeguarding original Islamic values at international for a regarding sexual orientation and gender identity;
3. **Invites also** Member States to strengthen and defend their common position on issues of common interest at international fora, particularly in relation to protecting the value of marriage and family institutions in Muslim societies, in accordance with original Islamic values;
4. **Calls for** countering voices at the international arena inviting Member States to recognize the right of perverts and homosexuals as minorities in their legislations and such other political and economic pressures faced by some states in the framework of conditional development assistance and in this regard, urges Member States, their organs and relevant OIC institutions in particular, the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to support and assist those states to resist those pressures;
5. **Urges** also Member States to deploy their potentials as well as diplomatic, media, educational, cultural, legislative, religious and national civil society institutions to protect Islamic values, and safeguard the family, its cohesion, development, progress and prosperity as the natural and fundamental unit of society;
6. **Affirms** the important role of the OIC General Secretariat and organs in following up the implementation of relevant OIC resolutions, disseminating and supporting Islamic values in this regard; and calls for the continuation of steps taken in this direction and make proposals;
7. **Expresses** its determination to take future precautionary steps in this regard when necessary;
8. **Stresses** the need to strengthen the role of government institutions concerned with the protection of families, women, children and society from crimes (drug use, cyber criminality and promotion of pornography through media and social media) leading people astray from the sound human nature which God, Glorified and Exalted, has bestowed on mankind;
9. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of the resolution and to report thereon to the 50th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

C) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OIC FAMILY COMMITTEE

Recalling the Article 1 of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, which sets two of the objectives of the Organization as to promote and to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the preservation of Islamic family values, and to emphasize, protect, and promote the role of the family as the natural and fundamental unit of society;

Recalling the Final Communiqué adopted by the 14th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held on 31 May 2019 in Mecca, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia **welcoming** the development and implementation of the OIC Strategy for Empowerment of Marriage and Family Institution and Preservation of its Values in the Muslim World,

Referring to the priority area of the OIC 2025 Programme of Action on Advancement and Empowerment of Women, Family Welfare, and Social Security, which **encourages** policies for promotion of family and development of effective and reliable social services for family,

Welcoming the outcomes of the First OIC Ministerial Conference on Social Development held in 7-9 December 2019 in Istanbul,

Welcoming the adoption of the “OIC Strategy to Empower the Marriage and Family Institution and Preserving its Values in the Muslim World” which **urges** to consider, as a strategic goal, establishment of a Steering Committee at OIC level to support Member States and track and monitor progress of the implementation of the family empowerment strategy,

Referring to the paragraph 24 of the Report of the First OIC Ministerial Conference on Social Development held on 7-9 December 2019 in Istanbul, which states that the Republic of Türkiye would submit a detailed draft Resolution to the 47th CFM in light of the comments made at the Conference,

Taking note of the Resolution (A/HRC/26/11) of the UN Human Rights Council on the “Protection of the Family”,

Acknowledging the role of family as the natural, elementary and fundamental social unit in modern societies and particularly its traditionally central role in Muslim societies,

Commending the SESRIC report on “Safeguarding Family Values and the Institution of Marriage in OIC Countries” and its policy recommendations therein,

Expressing concern over the current challenges and trends highlighted in the SESRIC report, that affect family and marriage in the OIC countries, such as decrease in fertility and marriage rates as well as increase in divorce rates and ageing population,

1. Welcomes the establishment of the OIC Family Committee, to work under the authority of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development, so as to deliberate on the protection and support of the family institution in OIC member states, to promote the Islamic family values and conduct follow-up activities in line with the resolutions of the Ministerial Conference and to monitor progress of the implementation of the OIC Strategy for the Empowerment of the Family and Marriage Institution (2020-2025);

2. Welcomes the convening of the first Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGGE) to discuss the internal and financial rules of the committee under the chair of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development, currently the Republic of Türkiye, on 18 October 2021 in visual format and the second meeting of the IGGE held on 15 February 2022;

3. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and to the 2nd Ministerial Conference on Social Development;

D) PROMOTING WOMEN'S STATUS AND EMPOWERMENT IN THE OIC MEMBER STATES

The Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation,

Recalling the provisions of the OIC Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam which stresses on the importance of human rights for all, as well as other relevant international conventions and instruments,

Welcoming the outcomes of the eighth session of the Ministerial Conference on Women in the OIC Member States, which was held in Cairo, the Arab Republic of Egypt, from 6-8 July 2021,

Taking note of the enactment by Member States laws and regulations to enable women and to protect and enhance their role in the political, economic and social life,

Reiterating the OIC's commitment to addressing a range of difficulties facing women and reducing the lack of equity and equality between men and women, and among the poor and disadvantaged women in the OIC Member States according to their national legislation,

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, children, and elders,

Stressing the significant role of education in the empowerment of women, eradication of poverty, improvement of health, and enhancement of women's contribution in the development and decision making process,

Recalling resolution No. 2/37-Org on the Establishment of a specialized Organization for Women Development in OIC Member,

Recalling the entry into force of the Statute of the OIC Women Development Organization and the commencement of its activities,

1. Commends the efforts of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the headquarters of the Women Development Organization, to hold meetings of the Council of the Women Development Organization, allocate a building as headquarters for the Organization, and provide the necessary equipment for the headquarters, and paying annual mandatory contributions of the least developed member states and providing all necessary support to overcome obstacles and promote the role of women and women empowerment in OIC Member States and its continued efforts to support the work of the organization;

2. Commends the efforts of the United Arab Emirates in designating a women's pavilion at the Expo 2020 Dubai, which seeks to introduce visitors to the achievements of historical and modern women and women's progress in all fields, being the first separate pavilion dedicated to women in modern history;

3. Calls on the Member States to implement the provisions of the updated OPAAW that was adopted under "Resolution 3/6-W (Conference on Women) on Adoption of the amended OPAAW

and its annexed implementation Mechanisms”, during the 6th Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women’s Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, held in Istanbul on 1-3 November 2016, in coordination with the General Secretariat, through the approved mechanisms and in line with the indicators of evaluation of achieved progress in this area;

4. Urges the OIC Member States that are yet to do so to provide women with better opportunities through enacting and consolidating laws that empower women and provide them with a comprehensive role in the sustainable development of Member States;

5. Invites the General Secretariat to continue cooperation with all OIC Member States in order to promote and implement the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women in the Member States (OPAAW) and the resolutions of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women in Member States, and to submit a report thereon to the 50th Session of the CFM;

6. Invites the IDB to cooperate with SESRIC, Women Development Organization (WDO) and the General Secretariat in implementing OPAAW, particularly in the areas of economic empowerment of women and combating poverty in order to ensure decent living to women and girls specially in conflict zones and in refugee camps;

7. Calls on Member States to prepare their progress reports on the implementation of OPAAW and submit them to the General Secretariat and to SESRIC in order to measure the progress made in the field of women empowerment and advancement in Member States. The Council also invites the General Secretariat, in coordination with the Arab Republic of Egypt in its capacity as the chair country of the Ministerial Conference on Women, to hold a meeting of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) to form the Steering Committee to examine the Member States’ periodic country progress reports on the implementation of the Plan (OPAAW), as indicated in the “Guidelines for the Preparation, Drafting and Presentation of OPAAW Implementation Reports” adopted by the Ministerial Conference on Women in its seventh session (Burkina Faso, 2018); and equally invites the General Secretariat, in association with the chair country of the Ministerial Conference on Women, and in coordination with the Women Advisory Council (WAC) and relevant OIC agencies, particularly the OIC Women Organization, SESRIC and the IPHRC, to prepare a concept paper on the work of the Steering Committee for submission to the said meeting of the Permanent Representatives Committee;

8. Calls upon the parliaments of the OIC Member States to pass necessary laws to combat trafficking, abuse of women, and other forms of violence against them all forms of violence against women;

9. Calls for alleviating poverty among women in order to promote their status in the Muslim world, and for the formulation of a roadmap to rectify misperceptions concerning women;

10. Requests the OIC Member States that are yet to do so to adopt appropriate measures to promote Islamic principles for reinforcing and consolidating the foundations of the family unity, dignity, and empowerment of women and girls;

11. Urges the governments of the Member States that are yet to do so to adopt the necessary policies and programs for promoting the education of women and girls through providing uncomplicated access to literacy programs and also providing easy, and inexpensive access to

higher education and removal of any possible draw backs in this field and ensure, through legislation, women's access to advanced technologies including ICT in order to promote their role in the decision making and development process;

12. Encourages the OIC Member States to hold expert meetings to prepare recommendations aimed at supporting women and the family in cases of armed conflicts and economic blockades and sanctions, and recommends that the results of these meetings be submitted to relevant international organizations;

13. Commends Tunisia for its experience in combating all forms of violence against women, catering for women with special needs and addressing economic and social empowerment of women and girls in rural areas, and welcomes Tunisia's readiness to share its experience with willing member states;

14. Calls for the denunciation of the aggressions and the bloodshed perpetrated by Israeli occupation forces against women and children in Palestine, especially in Al-Quds and the Gaza Strip;

15. Welcomes the Tehran Declaration of the Third Ministerial Conference on the Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, which enhances OIC collective work towards the advancement of women; and **endorses**, in this context, the implementation of the recommendations therein;

16. Reiterates the urgent need to adopt the "Covenant on the Rights of Women in Islam" and the review of the OIC "Declaration on Human Rights in Islam";

17. Commends the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat and the Arab Republic of Egypt for the successful holding of the Eighth Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States in Cairo from 6-8 July 2021; **welcomes** its resolutions and Cairo Declaration; and **calls on** Member States, international partners, and relevant institutions to cooperate with the Arab Republic of Egypt to implement the outcomes of the Conference, in coordination with the General Secretariat;

18. COMMENDS the efforts of the General Secretariat and Burkina Faso, Chair of the 7th Session of the Women Ministerial Conference, for convening the meetings of the Women Advisory Council of the Ministerial Conference on Women; **take note** of the reports on the activities of the Council; and **calls on** the General Secretariat and the Member States to continue to provide support for the Council to enable it to perform its assigned tasks, **encourages** the Council to continue its work in accordance with its mandate that has been stipulated in the Internal Rules of the Council and **requests** the General Secretariat to continue to support the consultative work of the Council;

19. Takes note of the Concept Paper on developing a gender equality policy for the OIC, prepared by the Women Advisory Council in coordination with the General Secretariat, IPHRC, and SESRIC; **invites** the General Secretariat to hold open-ended intergovernmental group of experts' meetings do develop a draft gender equality policy for the Organization, for submission to the Ministerial Conference on the Development of Women and the Council of Foreign Ministers for adoption;

- 20. Welcomes** the study prepared by the IPHRC on Gender Equality and Justice from the perspective of Islam and Human Rights; **invites** the General Secretariat to make the study accessible to the workers in this field in the Member States and the relevant regional and international organizations, in coordination with the IPHRC;
- 21. Calls on** OIC institutions concerned, particularly the IsDB, ICESCO, SESRIC, **WDO**, ISFD, ICCIA and the ICDT to work for the implementation of the outcomes of the Conference, in coordination with the General Secretariat and, Egypt the Chair of the Conference;
- 22. Welcomes** the bid offered by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to host the 9th session of the Ministerial Conference on Women in Member States in 2023; **takes note** of the offer made by the Republic of Mali to host the 10th Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women and **calls on** the General Secretariat to coordinate with the authorities concerned and the relevant OIC organs and institutions in order to make arrangements to hold the Conference;
- 23. Commends** the efforts of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA), in coordination with the General Secretariat and in cooperation with the Arab Republic of Egypt, Chair of the 8th Ministerial Conference on Women, in holding a workshop on "Microfinance and the Transition to Sustainability and Strengthening the Concept of Family Bank in the G5 Sahel Countries" on 14-15 June 2022 at the headquarters of the Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce (FEDCOC) in Cairo, with the participation of Member States and the relevant OIC organizations and institutions;
- 24. Commends** the initiatives of Ministry of Family, and Social Services of the Republic of Türkiye for the successful organization of the second edition of the "ALLY for Future" a leadership program for young Muslim women held with the participation of young women leaders from the OIC countries and Muslim communities and minorities, on 13-20 December 2019 in Istanbul;
- 25. Welcomes** the UN Human Rights Council resolution on the "Protection of the Family", which was issued over the past three years with the initiative of Egypt and with the support of the vast majority of the OIC Member States; and **invites** all the OIC Member States to join the Family Friends Group in Geneva and New York and to support the UNHRC resolution;
- 26. Appeals** to OIC Member States, which suffer from all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence, underage marriage and female genital mutilation, to take appropriate measures to prevent and criminalize such practices according to the national legislations of the Member States, and **calls on** the Member States to make the necessary efforts to exonerate Islam from false claims linked to all forms of violence against women and family;
- 27. Approves** the designation of H.H. Princess Lalla Meryem, daughter to the late King Hassan II, as the Goodwill Ambassador in the field of preserving the values of family and marriage institution and combating female minors' marriage; **thanks** His Royal Majesty Mohammed VI for acceding to this role entrusted to Her Highness the Princess; and calls on the Member States and the relevant OIC organs and institutions to provide support for the Princess to succeed in her mission;

28. Encourages the General Secretariat to cooperate with philanthropic societies in supporting poor and needy families, as well as with civil society in taking an active role in gender and family well-being;

29. Invites OIC specialized institutions and subsidiary organs that are yet to do so to establish a social affairs and family section to carry out the role in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat;

30. Takes note of the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Women and with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA); **calls for** the implementation of the terms of the two agreements in order to boost cooperation, implement the OIC Plan of Action on the Advancement of Women (OPAAW), and achieve the economic and social objectives contained in the charters of the two organizations;

E) PROMOTING CAPACITY-BUILDING OF YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF SPORT IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

The Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation,

Emphasizing the role of the youth in building the future of the Islamic world and member state, in promoting dialogue among civilizations, cultures and religions, in highlighting the true image of Islam and in the dissemination of its eternal values which call for moderation, dialogue, tolerance, peaceful coexistence and the respect of the other,

Reaffirming the need to evolve sound approaches for the education and training of Muslim youth for the attainment of optimal cooperation between all the youth of the Islamic Ummah,

Affirming the need for Member States to create events appropriate for the youth of the Muslim World to follow the OIC activities closely with a view to contributing to its development,

Taking note of the need for Member States to encourage media and social networks to promote family values and traditions among youth,

Reaffirming further the importance of the institution of marriage in Islam in terms of preserving youth and their psychological stability, which requires developing approaches by Member States to facilitate marriage among youth in the Islamic Societies,

- 1. Commends** the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the General Secretariat in the successful organization of the fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers of the OIC Member States, hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the city of Jeddah on 7-9 September 2022, and **welcomes** the outcomes of the conference and its adopted omnibus resolution. It also welcomes the declaration of the conference and calls for the implementation of all the outcomes of this conference;
- 2. Welcomes** members of the Steering Committee on Youth and Sport established by the 5th Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport Ministers hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 7 to 9 September 2022, namely: the conference troika (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic of Azerbaijan and the State of Libya, the current, previous and upcoming chairs, the Republic of Niger (from the

African Group), Republic of Türkiye (from the Asian Group), Republic of Iraq (from the Arab Group). **Invites** the Committee operating under the authority of the conference chair (currently the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) to carry out its tasks in following up implementation of the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the conference and following up implementation of the OIC Youth Strategy and the OIC Plan of Action for Sport Development in coordination with the General Secretariat and necessary agencies; **also calls** on the General Secretariat and relevant OIC organs to cooperate to ensure the committee's work succeed;

3. **Underscores** the importance of the youth and their role in the society and **calls** for raising their awareness through building youth capacity by further training, promotion and empowerment, and promoting them in all fields to play positive roles in the renaissance of their respective countries;
4. **Calls** on Member States to work on using adequate methods for the education of Muslim youth to enhance their role in comprehensive development with a view to meeting future challenges;
5. **Welcomes** the working paper presented by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport on Muslim Youth on future challenges and the mechanisms included on promoting and protecting Muslim Youth and enhancing their status in the society;
6. **Appreciates** the Republic of Türkiye for organizing the Signing and Opening Ceremony of Konya 2022 Sports Capital of Islamic Countries (SCIC) Program on 7 August 2022;
7. **Expresses** its gratitude and appreciation to the Republic of Türkiye for hosting the 5th Islamic Solidarity Sports Games on 9-18 August 2022 in Konya and to the Secretariat of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation for the successful organization of the games, and thanks the states that participated in this important sports show;
8. **Congratulates** the State of Qatar for the successful organization of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, and the legacy it achieved and the honor and pride of Arab and Muslim youth in hosting this global event by an Arab and Muslim country and **commending** efforts to counter negative propaganda against Islam, reject homosexual agenda and highlight Islamic values of compassion, diversity and sanctifying family life;
9. **Pays Tribute** to the achievement made by the National Team of the Kingdom of Morocco in the 2022 World Cup Finals, held in the State of Qatar; **commends** the strong family values embodied by the Moroccan National Team players in this international competition; **CALLS** for highlighting and drawing inspiration from them as a model reflecting the importance of family values; and **commends** all other Arab National Teams that participated in the 2022 World Cup Finals in the State of Qatar;
10. **Welcomes** the outcome of the Ministerial Brainstorming Session on "Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity", held on 11 July 2017 on the sidelines of the Forty-Fourth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, and **invites** Member States, General Secretariat and relevant institutions to implement the initiatives proposed during the meeting;

11. **Appreciates** the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh for facilitating the 1st Youth Forum held by the ICYF in Dhaka on 04 May 2018 on the sideline CFM, as the youth segment of the 45th CFM, in implementation of the initiatives proposed at the brainstorming session at the Ministerial level on “Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity”, held during the 44th CFM in Abidjan;
12. **Welcomes** the offer made by the State of Libya and the United Arab Emirates to host the sixth and seventh sessions of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers in 2024 and 2026 respectively. It also calls on all Member States and relevant institutions to actively participate in the activities of the conference; takes note of the offer of the Republic of Indonesia to host One of the next sessions of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers, and also takes note of the will of the State of Libya to implement the programme of the Islamic Youth capital in concomitance with its hosting of the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers in Tripoli in the same year;
13. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat, SESRIC for the preparation of a draft implementation plan of the OIC Youth Strategy; and **calls on** Member States and institutions concerned to implement the plan in coordination with the General Secretariat;
14. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat and the Republic of Azerbaijan, Chair of the 4th ICYSM, to hold the third meeting of the Permanent Ministerial Council for Youth and Sports on 23 June 2022 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, in implementation of the resolution of the said conference; and **thanks** the Member States and the institutions which participated in the meeting;
15. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Youth Unit in the OIC General Secretariat and **invites** Member States and relevant institutions to support, cooperate and coordinate with it to reach its desired goals for youth in the Muslim World and beyond, **also welcomes** the recommendation of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers at its fifth session held on 7-9 September 2022 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, to transform the Youth Unit into the Department of Youth and Sports, and **takes note of** the study prepared by the General Secretariat on the tasks and activities of the Youth Unit;
16. **Also** welcomes United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. 76/306 of 08 September 2022 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Youth Office, issued at its seventy-sixth session, as a dedicated office for youth affairs in the United Nations system, and calls on the OIC General Secretariat to enhance cooperation with the newly established office in order to build youth capacities and enhance their participation in Member States **Also commends** the role of the Arab Republic of Egypt in facilitating the intergovernmental consultation process regarding the establishment of the said office;
17. **Commends** the efforts of the Egyptian Presidency in underlining the central role of the youth during COP 27 through the establishment of the first-ever children and youth pavilion, and the appointment of the first envoy of the Chairman of the Youth Conference. **Welcomes also** the Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan for Climate pledges. Commends further the role of youth and children in responding to climate change;

18. **Calls upon** the General Secretariat to adequately organize the sessions of the OIC Islamic ministerial conference on the youth and sports, and coordinate all the OIC sectoral ministerial meetings, reports of which are submitted to the Council of Foreign Ministers and the Islamic Summit, and to coordinate the activities of all the subsidiary organs as well as specialized and affiliated institutions concerned, without prejudice to the OIC Charter and regulations, to avoid duplication and to streamline work, in fulfillment of the duties entrusted to it by the Council of Foreign Ministers and the Islamic Summit;
19. **Welcomes** the project of the OIC Youth Training Program on "Cultural Diplomacy and Leadership Development Skills to Prepare the Member States' Youth for the Post-Covid 19 Era", which will be implemented by the OIC General Secretariat and the International Islamic University in Malaysia; **invites** all Member States and institutions working in the field of youth, including the OIC Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYM), ICESCO, ISSF, World Federation of Muslim Scouts, SESRIC and other relevant institutions such as the Islamic Solidarity Fund to cooperate and coordinate with the General Secretariat in implementing the aforementioned project;
20. **Urges** all OIC Member States and relevant institutions, including the IDB and the ISF, to reinforce coordination with the General Secretariat in order to activate the Youth Section to enable it to carry out its functions, including the follow-up of implementation of the executive plan of action of the OIC Youth Strategy;
21. **Welcomes** the accession of SESRIC to the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the OIC institutions in the area of youth, and calls on all relevant institutions to further cooperate and coordinate with the General Secretariat in order to achieve the aspired objective in the interest of the youth in the Member States;
22. **Requests** Member States to intensify their efforts to raise awareness among young people on the dangers of drug abuse by strengthening the role of the family institution, the media institution, youth centers and non-governmental organizations in spreading awareness, and promoting a spirit of cooperation, recognition, citizenship and positive participation in society, and **welcomes** the readiness of the Republic of Türkiye and the Islamic Republic of Iran to exchange their experiences and information with the OIC Member States in the field of drug abuse;
23. **Welcomes** the readiness of the Republic of Türkiye and the Islamic Republic of Iran to exchange their experiences and information in the field of misuse of drugs with the OIC Member States;
24. **Calls on** the OIC Member States to provide equal opportunities to young people with special needs and those who are socially and economically underprivileged to participate effectively in the development process;
25. **Commends** the joint initiative between the OIC General Secretariat and the Islamic Development Bank to organize regional consultations in the three geographical regions of the Organization (African, Arab and Asian), with a view to analyzing and arranging their political priorities in the field of youth within the framework of the organization's youth strategy, and to formulate a regional plan that will be implemented by the Member States in coordination and cooperation with the OIC General Secretariat, the Islamic Development Bank and other affiliated institutions working in the field of youth;

26. **Invites** all institutions working in the field of youth, including the ICYM, ICESCO, ISSF, World Federation of Muslim Scouts, SESRIC, as well as the Islamic Solidarity Fund to participate in these activities in order to build the capacities of the national institutions working in the field of youth;
27. **Takes note** with appreciation of the work carried out by the relevant OIC organs and institutions in order to build youth capacities and enhance their participation as well as develop sports and support the efforts of Member States in this field, and **calls** upon the General Secretariat to enhance coordination of the work of those organs and institutions in order to rationalize resources, enhance effectiveness and efficiency, and avoid duplication;
28. **Calls on** the OIC institutions active in the field of youth to provide training and learning opportunities for OIC youth and initiate events to promote youth capacity building, awareness, participation and a culture of moderation;
29. **Commends** Azerbaijan for “the Educational Grant Program for the Citizens of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation” and thanks for scholarships granted so far to 79 students from 35 OIC Member States to study at leading universities of Azerbaijan;
30. **Expresses** its gratitude and appreciation to the United Arab Emirates for designating a separate pavilion for youth at the Expo 2020 Dubai, being a major platform for all initiatives and projects relating to youth involvement and empowerment in the world and for celebrating their talents and displaying their youthful experiences in various fields;
31. **Welcomes** the holding under the auspices of the OIC of the International Youth Forum of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (April 26-29, 2023, Samarkand), which will contribute to the formation of a new platform for dialogue and cooperation of promising and talented youth for the prosperity and progress of the entire Islamic world and **Calls on** OIC Member States for their effective participation at the International Youth FORUM in Samarkand;
32. **Calls to** develop proposals and recommendations for Governments and international organizations on youth policy issues, especially on creating the necessary conditions for the self-development of young people, ensuring equal access to education, decent work, participation in the socio-political life of their countries and in the development of international relations;
33. **Also recommends** promoting awareness of modern professions among young people, creating conditions for advanced training in their specialty, teaching them modern skills, supporting the implementation of their ideas and projects, serving as a bridge for the exchange of experience with the best representatives of various fields and professions;
34. **Urges** Member States to expand their collaboration with youth, with regional and international organizations dealing with youth issues that are accredited by States and do not harm their interests, as well as with the OIC General Secretariat and youth-oriented institutions in promoting and maintaining peace and security;
35. **Recognizes** the need to strengthen the role of the youth in efforts towards the maintenance and promotion of peace and security in all Member States, especially in conflict Zones;

36. **Urges** each of the Member States to engage its youth to undertake a vital role in preventing violent extremism, building sustainable peace with focus on education and intercultural and interfaith dialogue;
37. **Also calls** on the OIC General Secretariat, Member States, OIC institutions working in the field of Youth particularly the Islamic Conference Youth Forum (ICYF) and Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) to assist in the successful holding of this event and to highlight the outcomes of the forum in their publications and mass media;
38. **Takes note** of recent developments leading to major changes affecting, in large part radicalization, and in follow-up on the declarations of Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport Ministers concerning safeguarding and protecting youth from social illnesses and extremism, and **calls upon** the OIC institutions active in the field of youth to take action on the following items:
 - a. Developing further youth platforms for learning, growth, interaction, and sharing of experience;
 - b. Sustaining safe environment for youth development and improvement of diverse youth empowerment programs;
 - c. Providing youth with the knowledge base and positive experience required for the fine shaping of their character and values, healthy lifestyle, intellectual competence and social responsibility;
 - d. Equipping youth with social and professional skills alongside character development, with the goal of strengthening their personal and professional contribution to society;
 - e. Engaging youth in social work, volunteerism, development and environment;
 - f. Empowering youth to complete tertiary education and motivate them to further excel in their academic and professional careers.
39. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 50th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5/49-C
ON
SUBSIDIARY ORGANS**

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 47th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC,

Having considered the report of Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council, on the activities of the Fund and the execution of its budget for the financial year 2016, in which he referred to several projects implemented by the Fund in spite of the financial difficulties it faces in financing its budgets and implementing its annual programs,

Emphasizing the need for all relevant subsidiary organs to submit their work programmes and annual report of their activities to the General Secretariat by the month of November of each year with a view to allowing work complementarily and avoiding duplication of activities,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General and reports submitted by IRCICA, IIFA and ISF on following the matters:

A) THE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE (IRCICA)

1. Notes with appreciation the Centre's research projects, publications, academic congresses and art events highlighting different aspects of the history and heritage of Islamic civilization including sciences, philosophy, arts, cultural and architectural heritage, as well as its interactions with global civilization, past and present;

2. Commends the program on Studies on The Holy Quran leading to bibliographic publications and historical data analysis on translations of the Holy Qur'an printed in various languages of the world since the invention of the printing press and *reaffirms its support* of the Centre's efforts in the fields of research, education, publications in studies on the Holy Qur'an;

3. Expresses its appreciation of the Centre's studies on various collections of archival documents that serve as reference on the Islamic history, Islamic endowments and properties of al-Quds and Palestine **as well as** its contributions to the joint project with the OIC General Secretariat and the Supreme Commission for Jerusalem Affairs of the State of Palestine aimed at constructing a historical documentary reference base on the endowment of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and Islamic properties in the occupied territories;

4. Takes note of the variety of research projects, academic congresses, and resulting publications, including the international conferences on "The Contribution of Oriental Scientists to Islamic Civilization" (co-organized with the Committee on Religious Affairs of Uzbekistan, the Center for Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan and several specialized institutions, 19 May 2022),

“Contribution of Termiz Scholars to the Development of World Civilization” (coordinated with the Imam Termizi International Scientific Research Center, Uzbekistan, 5 July 2022), “The Maturidiyya Teaching and the Present” (organized jointly with Imam Maturidi International Scientific-Research Center, Uzbekistan, 26 May 2022), "The Legacy of Abu Ali ibn Sina" (jointly with the Center for Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan, 16 August 2022), the Third International Conference on “Islamic Civilization in Central Asia: Past and Present” (jointly with the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan, 17 October 2022), the Third International Congress on “Islamic Civilisation in Southern Africa. History, Contemporary State, and Future Perspectives, Dedicated to the Legacies of Muslim Leaders – Shaykh Ebubekir Efendi and Imam Abdullah Haron” (co-organized with Awqaf SA and the University of Western Cape, in Cape Town, on 16-18 September 2022); *welcomes* the plans to hold congresses on Islamic cultural heritage in various regions outside the Member States and the history of cultural interactions between the Muslim world and other civilizations;

5. Commends the Centre’s pioneering activities in the field of source studies aiming to record, preserve and render accessible the reference materials needed for research and education in Islamic studies and *takes note* in this regard, of the volumes published in 2022 on “Tunisia in the 16th century” and “Jordan in Ottoman Documents” and the volume to be prepared in 2023 on “Benghazi in Ottoman Documents” in the series on the History of Muslim Countries in Ottoman Archive Documents; the catalogue of the *Book Collection in Arabic Script of the Kazakhstan National Center for Manuscripts and Rare Books* prepared and published jointly with the National Center; the projects aimed at assessing and cataloguing the copies and translations of the works of illustrious scholars and philosophers of the Muslim world located in world libraries, including the works of Imam Bukhari and Ibn Sina, as well as international conferences, including the International Conference of Young Orientalists on “Current State of Preservation and Research of Ancient Written Sources” (organized jointly with the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan, 4-5 August 2022), planned conferences on “The History and Development of Islamic Learning and Scholarship in Africa” with Ahmadu Bello University of Nigeria and King Faisal University of Chad respectively, in 2023, among other activities focusing on the sources of reference pertinent for the history, intellectual and scholarly heritage of the Muslim world;

6. Expresses its appreciation of the Centre’s activities on the preservation of cultural and architectural heritage, particularly its contributions to the ongoing establishment process of the OIC Platform for the Protection of Cultural Heritage under the coordination of the OIC General Secretariat, its projects geared to the needs of the Member States in the preservation of architectural heritage, such as: the “Prince Sultan bin Salman Islamic Architectural Heritage Database” which will serve as a reference for activities to be conducted through the OIC Platform; the organization of conferences, including the international conference on “Sustainable Tourism, Pilgrimage, and Sacred Heritage: The People Protecting Monuments- The Legacy of Ahmed Yasawi” co-organized with the Government of Kazakhstan, in Turkestan, Kazakhstan, on 26-28 October 2022; the evaluation studies regarding restoration and conservation of the historical Wara site in Chad and the Mausoleum of Ahmed Yasawi in Turkestan, Kazakhstan, and *expresses its encouragement* of practical initiatives including the international conference on “Living Heritage of the Muslim World” to be organized at IRCICA’s headquarters in May 2023; the annual “Heritage Evaluation Reports” and monthly “Heritage Talks” addressing the needs and developments of heritage preservation and management in the Member States; planned workshops and field surveys on Islamic Architecture in Albania and the Balkans to ultimately result in a digital book;

7. **Commends** the Centre's activities aimed at deepening understanding and strengthening dialogue between peoples of different faiths and cultures around the world, its contributing scholarly and diplomatic studies on the subject of inter-faith and inter-cultural fora, including the OIC Hybrid Seminar "Connecting Further at the Post-Covid19 Contemporary World: Enhancing Dialogue between the Islamic World and Other Great Civilizations" held at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 10 October 2022, various inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue fora held in the Member States, and meetings in the context of the 9th Global Forum and the Group of Friends of the UNAOC;

8. **Takes note** of the activities aimed at promoting Islamic arts and traditional handicrafts around the world including the 12th IRCICA International Calligraphy Competition, which was finalized and the catalogue of its award-winning works published in 2022; the distribution of Ijazalicens to teach calligraphy - to 15 calligraphers from 9 countries having completed the training programs coordinated by IRCICA; the activities of the IRCICA Calligraphy School at Arewa House, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria; the International Forum "Central Asia – Center for Islamic Art" comprising exhibitions of handicrafts, calligraphy and book arts, organized jointly with the Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan and Imam Bukhari Scientific Research Center in Samarkand, on 1-3 November 2022; calligraphy workshops and exhibitions held within the respective frameworks of World Expo Dubai from 28 December 2021-2 January 2022 and the International Conference on Calligraphy "Sarir-e Khama" held by the College of Art and Design, University of Punjab and the Calligraphers Association of Pakistan, in Lahore, on 8-14 March 2022; exhibitions of calligraphy and historical photographs of sacred cities of the Muslim world held in the context of the Cultural Program themed "Culture, Education and Development: Experiences from the Muslim World" organized by the OIC General Secretariat and the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU), in Kampala, on 11-12 June 2022; the workshop and exhibition of calligraphy conducted at the Bahrain Contemporary Art Association, Manama, on 12-17 October 2022; *welcomes* the projects to hold the "IRCICA Regional Calligraphy Competition in Central Asian Countries" jointly with the Center of Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan in 2023 and the Fifth Tabriz International Handicrafts Festival jointly with Tabriz Islamic Arts University, Tabriz, Iran, on 5-12 May 2023, as well as various scholarly publications on the history of Islamic arts and calligraphy exercise books;

9. **Takes note** of the Centre's efforts in contribution to cultural and social development in the Muslim world, in particular women's advancement, and its research projects which will lead to the Encyclopedia of Intellectual and Scholarly Achievements of Women in the Muslim World and the Encyclopedia of Waqfs Established by Women in the Muslim World;

10. **Expresses its thanks and appreciation** to the Member States, in particular to the Republic of Türkiye, host country of IRCICA, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, host country of the OIC General Secretariat, for their continuous support extended to IRCICA;

11. **Expresses its thanks** to the Member States which regularly pay their determined financial contributions to IRCICA's budget and calls upon the other Member States to settle their arrears as soon as possible in order to support the Centre's important activities in the fields of Islamic history, civilization and arts;

B) THE STATISTICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (SESRIC),

Recalling the Resolution No.2/8-EC adopted by the Eighth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Tripoli, Libya in May 1977, with regard to the creation of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC),

Being conscious of SESRIC's role in preparing technical background reports and studies on the various agenda items of the relevant OIC Ministerial Conferences, workshops, and expert group meetings in the domain of social and family affairs,

Taking note with appreciation of the detailed research studies submitted by SESRIC to the First Session of OIC Ministerial Conference on Social Development namely: *State of Elderly in OIC Member Countries, People with Disabilities and Special Needs in OIC Countries, and Common Paper on the Institution of Family and SDGs*,

Commending SESRIC for making significant contributions and efforts in drafting and finalization of a number of OIC level strategies and plans of action including *the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women, OIC Strategy for Empowering the Marriage and Family Institution, and Preserving its Values in the Muslim World, OIC Strategy on the Elderly, OIC Youth Strategy, and OIC Plan of Action on People with Disabilities*,

Praising the Centre's various training capacity building programmes and knowledge sharing activities within the framework of the implementation and follow up of the OIC level strategy documents, especially the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) and the OIC Youth Strategy,

Acknowledging the Centre's efforts to increase the coverage and availability of the statistical indicators in its OIC Statistics Database (OIC-Stat), especially in the domain of gender and family affairs, youth, elderly, and people with disabilities,

Having considered the activity report submitted by SESRIC;

- 1. Commends** SESRIC on its technical background reports and studies on gender and family affairs, youth, elderly, and people with disabilities which are submitted regularly to the relevant OIC Conferences and Ministerial Meetings;
- 2. Urges** SESRIC to continue undertaking joint research projects with relevant regional, international and national research and think-tank institutions and universities on social and family issues of interest to the Member States with a view to identifying contemporary pressing problems and generating policy proposals, and organizing joint activities that will initiate and enhance cooperation among them;
- 3. Invites** SESRIC to initiate new research projects in the area of social development with a specific focus on social and family issues, which are challenging the efforts of the Members States towards achieving the SDGs, particularly those which are also stipulated in the OIC-2025 Programme of Action;
- 4. Calls upon** SESRIC to undertake detailed research studies on the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on different social and vulnerable groups including youth, elderly, women and people with disabilities in the Member States with a view to providing guidance to policymakers in designing evidence-based social policies;

5. Urges SESRIC to continue its efforts towards enhancing the technical capacities of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of the OIC Member States in collecting, processing and reporting social development and family affairs related statistics within the framework of the Centre's Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB) and calls upon the Member States to actively participate in the annual sessions of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom);

6. Calls upon the Member States to support the activities of SESRIC in the domain of social and family affairs through responding to the regularly circulated questionnaires of SESRIC on the relevant subjects and sharing their experiences and good practices for the effective implementation of capacity building and vocational education and training programmes conducted by SESRIC;

7. Request SESRIC to continue organising capacity-building training activities in the field of social development, for the benefit of the social segments, including women, children, youth, elderly and people with disabilities, within the framework of its Social Development Capacity Building Programme (SD-CaB) and **calls upon** the Member States to actively participate in these activities that play an important role in the improvement of human capital in the OIC Member States;

8. Commends the efforts of SESRIC and the OIC General Secretariat in organising the Workshop on "Enhancing the Capacities of National Institutions in the Field of Social Development in the OIC Member States" on 02-04 August 2022 with the participation of relevant national institutions in the field of social development in the OIC Member States, and relevant OIC organs and institutions, as well as regional and international organisations, and **welcomes** the recommendations of the workshop aiming at strengthening the capacities of relevant national institutions working in the domain of social development and addressing relevant social issues and challenges facing Member States in this domain;

9. Requests SESRIC and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group to enhance and increase their cooperation to facilitate the implementation of a wide range of activities such as training courses, workshops, and study visits within the framework of SESRIC's Social Development Capacity Building Programme (SD-CaB) and the Vocational Education and Training Programme for the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-VET) for the benefit of the Member States.

C) INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC FIQH ACADEMY (IIFA)

Recalling the resolutions issued by the different sessions of the Islamic Summit conference and other Islamic conferences, in particular, the 14th session of the Islamic Summit, the 48th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, and the 44th session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs,

After examining the report submitted by the International Islamic Fiqh Academy:

1. Expresses its great gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of Saudi Arabia, and to all Their Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses, leaders of the OIC Member States, for their support to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in its active role in clarifying the values of tolerance, temperance, and moderation in Islam, while underlining that the International Islamic Fiqh Academy is the reference of the Ummah;

2. Notes the performance of IIFA and the effective role it plays in developing the administrative and scientific work through the development of a five-year strategic plan that includes many projects and scientific programs. **calls upon** the member states and subsidiary,

specialized and affiliated bodies of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to support the Academy because of the realistic vision contained in this strategic plan to make the Academy the first Shariah reference in the Muslim world;

3. Applauds IIFA's efforts in implementing the resolution issued by the Extraordinary Session of the Council of OIC Foreign Ministers, held in Islamabad on 19 December 2021, concerning the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, in particular the meetings held between the Secretary General of IIFA and the senior officials of the Afghan Government regarding issues of vital importance such as women's rights in Islam and their roles in development and progress under the principles of Shariah;

4. Records with appreciation that the Secretariat General of the Academy has held various symposiums on topics that include emerging calamities, and among these topics is including "Stunning of Poultry and Animals before Slaughter and its Impact on the Legitimacy of Slaughter", which was held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in collaboration with the Saudi Food and Drug Authority, on 14-15 Dhul Quida 1443, corresponding to 13- 14 January 2022, and urges continued focus on these topics because of their importance to Muslims worldwide;

5. Takes note with great appreciation of the participation of the Secretary General of the IIFA in the strategic meetings between the OIC and the United States of America, held in Washington, D.C. on 22-23 Shawwal 1443, corresponding to 23-24 May 2022, that highlighted IIFA's efforts in promoting moderation, balance, tolerance and coexistence through its resolutions and recommendations around the world;

6. Commends the performance of the staff of the Secretariat General of the Academy and the activities they have carried out, since the forty-fourth session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

7. Takes note of the meeting of the Supervisory Board of IIFA Waqf Fund, and thanks the Islamic Development Bank for supporting the Waqf and contributing to the investment and development of its funds and assets;

8. Congratulates the Secretariat General of IIFA for translating and publishing its Resolutions and Recommendations into English and French after a 22-year hiatus, as well as for their translation and publication in N'Ko (Mandingo) language and distribution in its respective countries;

9. Thanks the General Secretariat for translating the resolutions of the Academy into a number of important local languages inside and outside the Muslim world, namely Turkish, Spanish, Persian, Hausa, Malay, Urdu, and Swahili;

10. Thanks the countries that hosted the Academy's previous Annual Sessions: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (9 sessions), the United Arab Emirates (4 sessions), the State of Kuwait (3 sessions), the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (2 sessions), Brunei Darussalam, Bahrain, Qatar, Sultanate of Oman, Malaysia, and Algeria (one session each), which is a real contribution from these countries in supporting the Academy;

11. Thanks the headquarters state, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for hosting and sponsoring IIFA's 25th Session to be held in the first quarter of 2023;

12. Invites the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to host the upcoming sessions of the Academy, which would help achieve the goals and objectives for which it was established;

13. Thanks the member states that have paid their mandatory contributions to the budget of the Academy and renews its appeal to the member states that have not yet paid their contributions to do so quickly, and also recommends that all member states continue their support to the Academy by financing some of its projects so that it can perform its tasks in the service of Islam and Muslims. The Academy also urges the member states to support IIFA's Waqf Fund through in-kind or cash donations as well as contributions from the public and private sectors inside and outside the Muslim world;

D) ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND AND ITS WAQF (ISF)

HAVING considered the report of Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council, on the activities of the Fund and the execution of its budget for the financial year 2022, in which he referred to several projects implemented by the Fund in spite of the financial difficulties it faces in financing its budgets and implementing its annual programs,

- 1. Expresses** its keen interest to preserve this important Islamic organ which is rightly considered as a noble symbol of Islamic solidarity;
- 2. Exhorts** Member States to commit themselves to make annual donations - within their available means - in favor of the ISF projects budget and contribute to raising ISF Waqf capital;
- 3. Expresses** its profound thanks and gratitude to governments of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and the Republic of Turkey, for their voluntary donations to the Fund and its Waqf;
- 4. Approves** the Report of the Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council to the 45th Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;
- 5. Approves** the Permanent Council's adoption of the ISF budget estimates for projects, of US\$ 20 million, for the financial year 2023;
- 6. Calls** upon Member States to pay their statutory contributions to the ISF operating budget for the financial year 2023, which amounts to US\$ 1,260,000;
- 7. Appreciates** the ISF efforts in implementing the part related to its activities, within the framework of the executive plan of the OIC-2025 Program of Action;
- 8. Invites** the Permanent Council to continue providing assistance to projects as well as cultural, Islamic, educational, health-related and social centers in the Muslim world;
- 9. Expresses** thanks and gratitude to the ISF **Emergency Committee** for its rapid response to urgent cases caused by disasters and calamities that afflict some of the Muslim countries, namely its rapid response to the least developed Member States most affected by the pandemic (Covid-19); and appeals to Member States to make donations to the Fund to provide it with resources to strengthen action in this vital respect;
- 10. Expresses** thanks and gratitude to H.E. the OIC Secretary General for his distinct efforts and continued attention towards enabling the ISF to achieve its goals;

- 11. Welcomes** awarding H.E. Ambassador Nasser Abdullah bin Hamdan Al-Za'abi, Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council, the King Faisal Prize For Service to Islam 2023, in appreciation of his humanitarian efforts, and as an expression of the Islamic Solidarity Fund's pioneering role in charitable and humanitarian work over a period of 48 years, in the name of Organization of Islamic Cooperation and under its umbrella;
- 12. Also expresses** thanks and gratitude to the Permanent Council and its Chairman, to the Executive director and the Executive Bureau for their relentless efforts towards achieving the objectives of the Fund and its Waqf;
- 13. Requests** H.E the OIC Secretary General to follow up the matter and submit a report on this respect to the 50th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

**RESOLUTION NO. 6/49-C
ON
SPECIALISED INSTITUTIONS**

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC,

Stressing on the need for the Secretariats of OIC Institutions to always adhere to the principle of impartiality and disinterestedness and to abstain at all times from political influence or interfering in or giving opinion about Member States' affairs without being duly authorized or mandated by Member States concerned,

Taking note of the Report of the 35th Session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) held in OIC General Secretariat Jeddah on 5-6 January 2022,

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

Having considered with appreciation the reports submitted by ICESCO on the activities carried out between the two sessions of the Council and by ICIC:

A) THE ISLAMIC WORLD EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ICESCO)

- 1. Commends** the activities, projects and programs launched by ICESCO in 2022 in the fields of education, science and culture; and the efforts of ICESCO to develop its work and expand its fields, in service of the Organization's endeavors to ensure the sustainability of its services for the benefit of its Member States, as part of the implementation of the programs of the first year of its Two-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2022-2023 and in line with the contents of its document, ICESCO Strategic Orientations by 2025;
- 2. Welcomes** the decisions of the 43rd Session of the Executive Council, December 2022, and thanks the members of the Council for their constructive efforts to develop ICESCO's work and enable it to fully discharge its missions;
- 3. Commends** the efforts of the Organization to follow up on the implementation of its new strategic vision and adopted action plan through activities that seek to promote partnership and cooperation with Member States, competent parties, regional and international organizations, civil society bodies and NGOs;

4. **Takes note** of the visits of the Director-General to a number of Member States, in view of developing cooperation relations and exploring new prospects of fruitful partnerships, guided by the new vision, as well as his recent visit to the Vatican;
5. **Takes note and highly commends** the launch of the Exhibition and Museum of the Prophet's Seerah and Islamic Civilization, under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, with the presence of HRH Prince Moulay Al-Hassan, Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Morocco, to highlight the Prophet's Seerah and Islamic Civilization and cast light on Prophet Muhammad's noble virtue; and **Commends** the strategic partnership among ICESCO, the Muslim World League and the Mohammedia League of Scholars in organizing this Exhibition;
6. **Commends** the activities ICESCO organized as part of the International Day of Mercy Initiative and the World Tolerance Day, in promotion of universal human values; and **commends** the organization of the Second International Conference on Combating Terrorism and Extremism;
7. **Takes note and commends** the publishing of the first volume of the Encyclopedia of Occidentalism by ICESCO Chair for Civilizational Dialogue at the College of Sharia and Islamic Studies at Qatar University (QU-CSIS), which is the first encyclopedia to highlight the intellectual, scientific, religious, and social aspects of the West;
8. **Commends** the participation of ICESCO in the 9th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, in November 2022, under the theme "Towards an Alliance of Peace: Living Together as One Humanity", which aims to promote dialogue and peace among nations;
9. **Takes note**, with appreciation, of ICESCO's participation in the Transforming Education Summit 2022, held concurrently with the General Assembly of the United Nations, in New York, in September 2022;
10. **Takes note** of ICESCO's participation in the joint periodic meetings between the OIC General Secretariat and the UN, on July 18-22, 2022 in Geneva, which featured a review of the progress in implementing ICESCO's projects and programs;
11. **Welcomes** the signing of a number of new cooperation agreements and action programs with several Arab, Islamic and international organizations and institutions; **commends** the joint activities implemented within their framework, especially international conferences and seminars and development projects; and **invites** ICESCO to sustain its appreciated efforts to create, build and promote partnerships serving its strategic goals;
12. **Praises** ICESCO's sustained communication and consultation with Member States' National Commissions for Education, Science and Culture, given their pivotal roles in ICESCO's working system as a strategic partner in Member States;
13. **Commends** the remarkable activities and programs that ICESCO has implemented in the field of science and technology; and **invites** Member States to support cooperation in science and technology fields, especially among advanced, emerging and developing countries and exchange the best practices in order to establish auxiliary and complementary mechanisms for building capacities, within the framework of SDGs;
14. **Commends** the great roles fulfilled by ICESCO to support space sciences and applications, and **hails** the organization of the First ICESCO Space Science Forum, on July 18, 2022; and

- praises** the organization of the First Forum on Building Capacities in the Field of Science and Technology to Promote Scientific Diplomacy, held on July 18, 2022;
15. **Takes note of** ICESCO participation in the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27), held in the Arab Republic of Egypt, on November 6-18, 2022;
 16. **Commends** the launch of the Second Edition of the Program of Leadership Training for Peace and Security (LTIPS); **takes note of** the closing ceremony of ICESCO Year of Women 2021, held under the presidency of HRH Princess Lalla Maryam, at the Organization's headquarters, and **praises** the activities carried out in this context;
 17. **Lauds** ICESCO's efforts to build technical and educational capacities of individuals, institutions, bodies and education systems in Member States as well as in educational institutions of Muslim communities outside the Islamic world to help upgrade the systems of traditional education, improve staff performance and promote their educational, social and cultural roles;
 18. **Stresses** the importance of 'Education for All' project, which demonstrates the great importance that ICESCO attaches to the education of vulnerable groups, particularly needy girls, by combating girls' dropout, reintegrating them into the educational system, and using information and communication technology and artificial intelligence in education, as well as building the capacities of education planners;
 19. **Commends** ICESCO's efforts geared towards safeguarding the Islamic world heritage and inscribing a number of heritage sites on its Islamic World Heritage List and the training provided for heritage protection specialists and museums staff in the Islamic world on the necessary relevant skills, and **reaffirms**, in this regard, its support for the Organization's efforts to strengthen staff competencies in the field of combating illicit trafficking in cultural property;
 20. **Commends** ICESCO's "Roads for the Future" programme, which aims to promote the role of culture, communication, heritage, arts and creativity as key tools for achieving sustainable development, and display and preserve culture in general, including traditional cultural industries, the digital cultural economy, the purple economy, and foster the role of women in national development in the Islamic world;
 21. **Commends** ICESCO's Programme of Culture Capitals in the Islamic World for 2022, which included the implementation of 120 activities; **extends thanks** to the respective governments of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Cameroon, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, which hosted and supported the Culture Capitals in the Islamic World Programme for 2022; and **welcomes** the proclamation of Nouakchott as the Culture Capital in the Islamic World for 2023.
 22. **Commends** ICESCO's participation in the 27th edition of the International Book and Publishing Fair in the Kingdom of Morocco, held on 2-12 June 2022, as part of the celebration of Rabat as the Culture Capital in the Islamic World, through a pavilion that featured a large number of books and studies published by the Organization in the fields of education, science, culture and communication;
 23. **Commends** the publishing of the first volume of the Guide of Museums in the Islamic World (African region museums), which is likely to facilitate communication between museums officials, encourage the development of tourism and cultural economy, and give new impetus to the network of Islamic world museums;

24. **Takes note** of the Ibn Khaldun Award for Excellence in Global Social Transformation for 2022 that the International Islamic University in Malaysia granted to the Organization and handed by Her Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda The Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah Binti Almarhum Al-Mutawakkil Alallah Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj, Queen of Malaysia, for its educational, scientific and cultural efforts in serving and developing human societies,; and **applauds** the honorary doctorate that Dr. Salim M. Al-Malik, ICESCO Director-General, received from the Eurasian National University of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
25. **Commends** the activities that ICESCO implemented in the field of strategic foresight aimed at encouraging and disseminating the culture of anticipation and foresight in Member States to identify major future patterns and monitor indicators likely to help humanity overcome current and future difficulties, create new adequate opportunities for future societies, through strategic decisions, and support ICESCO Member States to meet the challenges of social transformations and natural changes and achieve Sustainable Development Goals;
26. **Praises** of ICESCO's initiative to issue a Charter of Artificial Intelligence in the Islamic World, which was approved by 43rd session of the Executive Council, held in December 2022, and **calls on** the Organization to develop the Charter to help Member States redefine the requirements of new technologies;
27. **Praises and highly appreciates** ICESCO's activities, projects and programmes aiming at promoting and strengthening the position of Arabic language within non-Arabic speaking communities, the establishment of the Arabic language platform (*Mishkat*), and the launch of academic chairs and educational poles; and **takes note** of the inauguration of two new educational poles in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of Benin, and the signing of an agreement to establish ICESCO Chair of Arabic in Service of Dialogue and Coexistence at the Russian Islamic University, in Ufa, Republic of Bashkortostan;
28. **Applauds** ICESCO for winning King Salman International Complex for Arabic Language Prize for 2022, which came in recognition of the Organization's efforts in spreading linguistic awareness, developing community initiatives in the field of Arabic language, and supporting institutions' initiatives in such a way as to ensure a stronger presence of Arabic language for non-Arabic speakers in international fora;
29. **Takes note**, with appreciation, of ICESCO's obtaining ISO9001 Quality Management System and ISO27001 Information Security Management System, which would help the Organization document its operations and procedures, and ensure its information security, in line with the best international practices;
30. **Commends** ICESCO's efforts in the field of information and communication through the production of various media materials and video clips to publicize Islamic world figures in various fields and from different eras, and show the historical sites and cultural elements inscribed on ICESCO's Islamic World Heritage List, in the three working languages of the Organization;
31. **Commends** ICESCO's support for Member States' students through ICESCO Scholarship Program; and **calls on** Member States' governments, universities and institutions concerned to support ICESCO's efforts in this regard;
32. **Welcomes** the proclamation of "2021 as ICESCO Year of Women", held under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, and expresses its sincere thanks and gratitude to His Majesty for his patronage, to Their Excellencies and Highnesses for their

constructive support for this initiative, and to the First Ladies of Member States for their participation in the programs and activities of this initiative;

33. **Praises** ICESCO's efforts to coordinate with the competent authorities in the Kingdom of Morocco to follow up on the necessary measures to establish the "Islamic Academy for Environment and Sustainable Development", **commends** its efforts in assuming the general secretariat of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Award for Environmental Management in the Islamic World, and for organizing its award ceremony at the opening ceremony of the 8th Islamic Conference of Ministers of the Environment;

34. **Expresses** its sincere thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI for his patronage of ICESCO's initiatives and conferences, and the continuous support provided by the Moroccan government to enable the Organization to fully discharge its missions;

B) ISLAMIC COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRESCENT (ICIC)

Recalling the resolutions issued by the various sessions of the Islamic Summit Conference and other Islamic conferences, especially the forty-seventh session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, regarding the ICIC,

Having examined the report of the ICIC President on the activities of the ICIC administration,

1. **Urges** the OIC member States that have not yet acceded to the ICIC establishing agreement to take the initiative and join it as soon as possible so that it can accomplish its tasks and achieve its noble goals;

2. **Calls upon** all OIC Member States and concerned Islamic organizations and institutions to support the ICIC efforts financially and morally in order to achieve its programs;

3. **Calls upon** the ICIC to make efforts to provide means of care, protection and humanitarian assistance to those affected by natural disasters, victims of armed conflicts, refugees, displaced persons and prisoners, in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Arab Organization of Red Crescent Red Cross (ARCO) and other relevant regional and international organs;

4. **Taking note** of the report of the 35th session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC), held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on January 5-6, 2022 AD;

5. **Expresses** its deep thanks to Libya (Hosting State of ICIC headquarters) for the support and facilities it provided for the ICIC Administration;

6. **Calls upon** the States parties to the ICIC establishing agreement that have not paid their contributions to the ICIC's budget for the years 2009 to 2022 AD, to expedite the payment of their overdue contributions to the ICIC as soon as possible;

7. **Expresses** its deep appreciation to the ICIC president , ICIC members and the ICIC Administration for the efforts made in the fields of humanitarian work and humanitarian assistances activities and that have been implemented in a number of regions of the Islamic world;
8. **Expresses** its thanks to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for the support provided to the ICIC humanitarian activities and appeals to it to continue to provide it with more support;
9. **Appeals** to OIC Member States and relevant Islamic institutions to contribute to the implementation of the ICIC humanitarian assistance programs in Palestine, Somalia, Niger, Libya, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, and Afghanistan, Sudan and Sahel States and Chad lake region;
10. **Calls upon** OIC Member States and Islamic donor institutions to deliver part of their humanitarian aid through the ICIC channel in order to enhance partnership and cooperation within the OIC framework;
11. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States and the concerned Islamic institutions to support the implementation of the Contribution in the Irregular Migration Program, which is hosted by the Tunisian Red Crescent Society at its headquarters, within the framework of cooperation and partnership with the Red Crescent/Red Cross Societies in the OIC Member States regarding irregular migration in African countries approved in The third consultative meeting between the ICIC and the Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies in the OIC member States;
12. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States and the concerned Islamic institutions to support the Social Peace Building Center, whose strategy for its work adopted by the ICIC thirtieth session, and hosted its headquarters by the Iraqi Red Crescent Society(IRCS) as a joint program for cooperation between IRCS and the ICIC, and urges the concerned Islamic institutions to participate in the awareness meetings for social peace building to be held during 2023;
13. **Calls upon** OIC member States and concerned Islamic institutions to support the Islamic Forum for International Humanitarian Law, the joint program hosted by Qatar Red Crescent Society, in cooperation in the areas of awareness of international humanitarian law and relevant Islamic provisions;
14. **Calls upon** the State of Kuwait and the ICIC to complete the procedures for creating the program for the International Humanitarian Law Day corresponding to May 9 each year, which was approved by Resolution No. 42/1 issued by the forty-second session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of Islamic Countries held in Kuwait in 2015;
15. **Commends** the efforts made by the ICIC Administration through its regional office for North Asia and Europe, in Kosovo, Gaza, and Tajikistan, and thanks and appreciation to the Turkish Red Crescent for its support , and to the Bahrain Red Crescent Society, the Bahraini charities and the Kuwait Red Crescent Society for the financial support they provided to some of these projects;
16. **Expresses** its deep thanks and appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its continuous support to the ICIC humanitarian work and to the Saudi Red Crescent Authority for its approval to host the fifth Consultation Meeting between the ICIC and National Societies of Red Crescent / Red Cross in OIC member States scheduled to be held in Jeddah in 2023;

C) WOMEN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (WDO)

Recalling the resolutions and outcomes issued by the Councils of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the resolutions issued by the OIC Ministerial conferences on Women, the most recent of which are the resolutions of the Eighth Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women, which was held in the Arab Republic of Egypt during the period from 6 to 8 July 2021, and all other resolutions related to the Organization Women development and resolutions concerned with the advancement of women and girls in the OIC countries,

Taking into consideration, The OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) and all its executive procedures and declarations issued in connection with the Women Development Organization, and welcoming the inclusion of the “Islamabad Declaration” issued by the forty-eighth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Paragraph 61, which emphasizes the vital role played by women in the Islamic world and the importance of all OIC Member States ratifying the Statute of the Women Development Organization,

- 1. Reiterates its welcome** for the entry into force of the Statute of the Organization for the Development of Women for the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on July 31, 2020, after the completion of the necessary legal quorum for its adoption, and acknowledges its pivotal role as a center for women’s issues within the Organization of Islamic Cooperation;
- 2. Welcomes** the appointment of Mrs. Dr. Afnan bint Abdullah Al-Shuaiby and the assumption of her position as the first Executive Director of the Women Development Organization, and expresses confidence in the ability of the Women Development Organization with its Executive Secretariat and the support of member States in carrying out the tasks and goals entrusted to it;
- 3. Renews the call to** the General Secretariat of OIC, specialized institutions, subsidiary organs, and affiliated institutions to continue providing the necessary support and assistance to the organization to build its institutional and technical capabilities related to the opening of the organization’s headquarters in Cairo on August 1, 2021;
- 4. Reiterates assurance** that the establishment of the WDO and the start of its work will lead to more effective coordination, consistency, and mainstreaming of the perspective of gender equality across the Islamic cooperation system, especially in light of the Corona pandemic and its aftermath, which negatively affected all segments in our societies, especially women and girls, taking into account resolutions of the OIC ministerial conferences on Women in this regard, the most recent of which was Resolution No. 9/8-W: On Coordinating Mainstreaming of the perspective of equality between women and men throughout the OIC System and considering the mainstreaming of this perspective as an integral part of the work of the Women Development Organization;

5. Reiterates to emphasize the financial and political support provided by the Arab Republic of Egypt to the organization in order to start its work, including:

- a) Fully equipping the organization in terms of furniture and technological equipment, which cost to date more than 4 million dollars;
- b) Egypt's provision of a voluntary grant of 3 million USD to complete the organization's needs and start its activities until member States start paying their assessed contributions to the organization's budget;
- c) Egypt's payment of its mandatory contribution and the contributions of the least developed countries to the first budget of the organization.

6. Expresses its thanks to the member States that have paid their assessed contributions to the budget of the WDO, and calls on other member States to follow suit and pay their due contributions to the budget of the WDO, and also recommends that the member States provide their support to the Organization by financing some of its activities and programs so that it can implement its objectives to serve Women and the depiction of the correct image of women in the Islamic world, including the tasks entrusted to the WDO according to the resolutions adopted by the Eighth Session of the Ministerial Council of the OIC for Women, which was held in Cairo from 6 to 8 July, 2021;

7. Expresses its deep concern on the removal the OIC Member States from the UN Commission on the Status of Women;

8. Values the cooperation and partnership with the Islamic Development Bank and commends the bank's provision of a technical grant of \$ 150,000, which contributes significantly to strengthening and building the capabilities of the organization's technical staff and completing the institutional building of its Executive Secretariat;

9. Reiterate to emphasize the distinguished activities and programs initiated by the WDO, including the development of a number of policy papers, and the questionnaire circulated to member States in order to develop its first strategic plan, which will consist of four main themes: promoting women's economic empowerment and financial inclusion, eliminating violence against women, and Women's leadership for more peaceful and sustainable societies, and the role of women in preventing and fighting corruption;

10. Welcomes the support of the Arab Republic of Egypt and its allocation of a grant of 300,000 dollars to establish a research and studies center for the Women Development Organization (WDO's THINK TANK), which is considered one of the important tools of the organization to provide a basic source in providing ideas, policy papers and research to support the organization's advisory work and to promote the common goals of empowerment of Women and girls within the Islamic Cooperation system and in the Member States and extends its appreciation to all the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation for their willingness to provide support and assistance for the establishment of the Think Tank, and recommends to all Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, specialized institutions, subsidiary organs, and affiliated institutions related to the Research Center's goal to build

partnerships and Cooperation to support the work of the Think Tank project;

11. Expresses its appreciation for the workshops and training courses held by the WDO in order to build the capacities of its member States on women's issues, including the training workshop for member States on “preparing periodic reports submitted by member States to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).” And urges the organization to complete work in providing training workshops for specialists in member States;

12. Praises the work of the organization on the file of food security and management of agricultural resources for women in the member States, through the activities of the training program held in the Republic of Niger to build the capacity of farmers on Water Management in Agriculture during the month of May 2022, and expresses its appreciation for the tripartite partnership between WDO, the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) and the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) in supporting this program. And extends its gratitude to IOFS for its keenness to provide all means of support and to continue cooperation with WDO in the specialized activities and programs of this file;

13. Reiterate welcomes anew the regional and international partnerships launched by the WDO, including the partnership with the Islamic Development Bank, the UN-Women, the United Nations Development Program, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

14. Welcomes signing of a memorandum of understanding with the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and calls upon the rest of the specialized institutions, subsidiary organs, and affiliated institutions of OIC, to sign memorandums of understanding and partnership with the WDO for cooperation in joint areas of work for the advancement of women and girls in the member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation;

15. Urges the member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to complete the ratification procedures of the Statute of the WDO and welcomes the accession of 19 countries to date to the Organization (the Republic of Gabon - the Islamic Republic of Pakistan - the Republic of Gambia - the State of Palestine - the State of Kuwait - the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - the Islamic Republic of Mauritania - The Arab Republic of Egypt - The Republic of Djibouti - The Republic of Niger - The United Arab Emirates - The Republic of Burkina Faso - The Republic of Maldives - The Republic of Guinea Conakry - The Republic of Cameroon - The People's Republic of Bangladesh - The Republic of Yemen - The Kingdom of Bahrain - The Republic of Senegal) and Calls upon the Member States of the OIC who have not joined the WDO or signed the statute yet to join the organization as soon as possible so that they can benefit from its activities and programs;

16. Appreciates the efforts made by H.E Hussein Ibrahim Taha, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and the Executive Secretariat of the Organization to empower women and girls and enhance their role, and welcomes any proposals for work and cooperation with the WDO aimed at supporting and strengthening the role of women in the member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation;

17. Extends its gratitude and appreciation to the Ministerial Council of the Organization, members of the Executive Office, and the Executive Secretariat for the efforts made in implementing the organization's work and providing all means of support to enable the organization to carry out its tasks in the areas of development and advancement of women and girls and enhancing their status;

18. Expresses its thanks and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud, and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdul-Aziz for generously hosting the fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Sports and Youth Ministers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and extends thanks and appreciation to the Ministry of Sports in the Kingdom Saudi Arabia for the distinguished arrangements made in order to make this conference a success as well as to the General Secretariat of the OIC. And recommends that the member States and specialized institutions of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the WDO cooperate jointly to support for the role of sport in empowering women and girls' agenda;

19. Requests the Secretary General of OIC to submit a report to the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers on the implementation of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7/49-C
ON**

AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC,

Having taken note of the decisions adopted by the 9th and 10th sessions of the ISSF General Assembly Meeting as well as those of the 25th, 26th and 27th ISSF Executive Committee Meetings; (ISSF) Emphasizing the need for all relevant affiliated institutions to submit their work programmes and annual activity reports to the General Secretariat by the month of November of each year to ensure complementarity of action and avoid duplication,

Having considered the reports submitted by the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF), and Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF), International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) and The World Federation of International Arab-Islamic –Schools (WFIAIS):

A) Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF)

1. **To express** gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul Aziz and HRH Prince Mohammad Bin Salman Al Saud the Crown Prince for embracing the ISSF's headquarters and for the material and moral support given to ISSF by the kingdom of Saudi Arabia and full attention given to all youth related issues in our Islamic Ummah;
2. **To take note** of the 2020-2022 report of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF); to commend the ISSF Executive Board and General Assembly's resolutions taken at its eleventh meeting held on 7 August 2022 in Konya, Republic of Türkiye, due to the difficulties and challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic; to pay tribute to all the efforts made by HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Turki AL-FAISAL AL SAUD, President of ISSF and the Executive Board members to implement these activities, especially the successful organization of the Konya 2021 5th Islamic Solidarity Games; to pay tribute to all the ISSF efforts made for organizing the ISSF events and championships under the umbrella of the relevant International Federations in a way that benefits the participating athletes to raise their technical level;
3. **To congratulate** the ISSF for its success in organizing the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games under the themes of "Unity is Power" in Konya, Republic of Türkiye, on 9-18 August 2022, with participation of more than 6000 athletes and officials representing 54 Islamic countries in one of world's biggest sporting event in order to achieve the ISSF and OIC objectives to foster the Islamic solidarity among the ISSF member countries, strengthen the Islamic character in the sports fields, highlight the principles of non-discrimination on the basis of religions, races and colors in line with the teachings of Islam, strengthen the bonds of unity, love and fraternity

among the youth of the member countries, and make the youth of the member countries aware of the OIC objectives;

4. **To express** thanks and appreciations to the Republic Türkiye and to thank HE Mr. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN President of the Republic of Türkiye for his full support to successfully host and organize the Konya 2021 5th Islamic Solidarity Games under the themes of “Unity is Power” in Türkiye; to also thank HE Mr. Mehmet KASAPOGLU Minister of Youth and Sports of Türkiye for providing all possibilities to all participating countries;
5. **Appreciates** the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Türkiye for organizing and hosting the 11th General Assembly of ISSF and Signing and Opening Ceremony of Konya 2022 Sports Capital of Islamic Countries (SCIC) Program on 7 August 2022 With the broad participation of related stakeholders, local and international representatives just before the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games, and their outcomes;
6. **To congratulate** HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Turki AL-FAISAL AL SAUD, President of ISSF, for his keenness, regular follow-up and full support given to the participating NOCs in order to ensure a successful organization for the Games;
7. **To pay tribute** to the efforts made by ISSF in implementation of its program “Sport Capital of Islamic Countries (SCIC)”, to thank the Government of Türkiye, represented by its Ministry of Youth and Sport and Konya Municipality, for their keen interest to activate and host the first edition of SCIC in 2022; to thank the Government of Saudi Arabia, represented by its Ministry of Sport and Riyadh Municipality, for hosting the second edition of SCIC in 2023; and to thank the Government of Palestine, represented by its Ministry of Youth and Sport for hosting the third edition of SCIC in 2024;
8. **To urge** all ministers of youth and sport in Islamic countries to actively and positively participate in these editions of SCIC and assign the ISSF General Secretariat to communicate and coordinate with Islamic countries to host the future editions of SCIC program;
9. **To thank** to the Government of Saudi Arabia, represented by its Ministry of Sport, for hosting the fifth session of Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) on 7-9 September 2022 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; to welcome all resolutions taken at the 5th ICYSM; and to urge all Islamic countries to activate the such resolutions and cooperate with the General Secretariats of OIC and ISSF, in coordination with the relevant authorities in Islamic countries, to provide the necessary mechanisms and plans to achieve the goals and objectives of OIC and ISSF;
10. **To emphasize** the importance that the ISSF’s future programs and plans should also be aimed at school and university sports, which will serve a large segment of society members in Islamic countries and help achieve the ISSF goals and principles as well as its programs that improve the well-being and life of people with special needs through sport;
11. **To emphasize** the importance of implementing the resolution taken by the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), at its forty-eighth session held in Islamabad, Pakistan in March 2022, to assign the ISSF General Secretariat, in coordination with the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund, to follow up the implementation of the CFM’s resolution stipulating that (To call on the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its affiliated bodies to provide a fixed financial support (\$ 1 million) to the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation once every four years to contribute to accomplish good preparation of the Islamic Solidarity

Games and to support all Islamic countries to participate in those Games.), in order to make this mega sporting event one of the OIC's biggest events;

12. **To request** the ISSF General Secretariat to communicate and sign agreements and cooperation protocols with all relevant bodies in order to achieve the ISSF future goals and objectives; and to affirm the need to coordinate with the OIC General Secretariat in order to communicate with all relevant OIC subsidiary, affiliated and specialized organs and agencies for cooperation in programs and activities that achieve the common goals and maximize the OIC role in Islamic countries;
13. **To assign** the ISSF General Secretariat to carry out one of the projects included in the Strategy of Sport Development for Islamic Countries and adopted in the 3rd session of ICYSM held in Türkiye, as well as to set out mechanism for implementation the programs adopted by the 4th session of ICYSM held in Azerbaijan in accordance with the requirements and capacities of ISSF; and to urge youth and sports ministers and national Olympic Committees of member states to cooperate with ISSF to carry out the project of taking care of street children, emphasizing the importance of working together to set a plan to benefit from these wasted energies and take away from the centers of corruption and delinquency and to direct such energies in the service of society. The OIC General Secretariat should invite ISSF and other OIC relevant bodies and experts for a workshop on mechanisms of implementation this project under the OIC umbrella;
14. **To pay tribute** to the efforts made by ISSF in sponsoring the Gateway KSA program which aims at giving the youth from different countries the chance to change the world's negative image of Islamic world, to identify the ISSF goals and principles, and to correct the image of Islam and Muslims;
15. **To pay tribute** to the efforts made by ISSF Executive Board and General Secretariat in signing cooperation agreements with the member NOCs and relevant sports organizations to strengthen Islamic solidarity among the athletes of the ISSF member countries; and to urges the ISSF member NOCs to actively participate in such activities that also help it achieve the ISSF objectives in all sports fields and serve a large segment of athletes in Islamic countries through organizing championships and tournaments that benefit the distinguished athletes in various sports, with commitment to the joint Islamic action;
16. **To pay tribute** to the efforts made by HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Turki AL-FAISAL AL SAUD, President of ISSF, in providing his unlimited support to enable ISSF to achieve its objectives and plans for the service of youth and sports in member countries;
17. **To thank** the ISSF General Secretariat for implementation of all various activities of ISSF which will contribute to the achievement of ISSF objectives;

B) THE ISLAMIC COOPERATION YOUTH FORUM (ICYF)

1. **Acknowledges** ICYF as the OIC youth institution and its mandate is endorsed by the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sessions of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) held successfully on 5 – 7 October 2016 in Istanbul, 17 – 19 April 2018 in Baku and 7 – 9 September 2022 in Jeddah. **Appreciates** important activities carried out by ICYF in various fields pertaining to youth development; **calls upon** the member States and the OIC Institutions to coordinate with ICYF, to realize the Recommendations of the *First OIC Young Leaders Summit*, successfully

organized by the ICYF in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Türkiye and the OIC General Secretariat on 11-13th April 2016 and approved by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference as an important guideline for Joint Youth Policy by the Member States; **Notes** in this context the “*OIC Joint Youth Action Plan*” setting the strategic projects for the development of the youth of OIC Member States for the next 2 years and **calls** upon the Member States and the OIC institutions to cooperate with ICYF towards the implementation of the projects envisaged by the Joint Youth Action Plan;

2. Commends the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Sports of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for their successful hosting, respectively, of the 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers, held on April 17-19, 2018, in Baku, Azerbaijan, and the 5th Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers, held on September 7-9, 2022 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Welcomes the resolutions of the 5th Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers, which make it imperative to work to strengthen the Youth Unit within the OIC General Secretariat; **CALLS** upon Member States to make the needed efforts for the successful implementation of these resolutions, and to coordinate their actions in this regard with the OIC General Secretariat and its relevant organs and institutions, and **WISHES** success to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Chair of the 5th session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers and Chair of the Steering Committee on Youth and Sports;

3. Approves the annual “OIC Youth Capital” international programme executed by ICYF as an implementing agency of the programme under the JYAP; **Congratulates** the city of Doha (State of Qatar) on the successful implementation of the programme as OIC Youth Capital for 2019, implemented according to the mandated decisions of the 43rd Council of Foreign Ministers, **applauds** the selection of Dhaka as the OIC Youth Capital of 2020; **calls upon** the OIC Member States and Institutions to actively cooperate with ICYF as the Programme’s Implementing Agency; and **encourages** active participation of their youth in the programme and support the concerned authorities of the Bangladesh with a view to successfully implementing the programme through arranging various activities including “Bangabandhu-OIC Youth Art Exhibition-2020”; **encourages** the applications of OIC Member States to host the forthcoming OIC Youth Capital Programs in their respective countries;

4. Welcomes the holding of the first “Diplomacy Academy” , Academic Training and Diplomatic Simulation Programme; Welcomes the second edition of the ICYF Diplomacy Academy in Istanbul on the 8th of November 2019 to 3rd January 2020; invites Member States to organize forthcoming sessions of Diplomacy Academy in their respective States; Welcomes also the ICYF initiated Model OIC project for training students in the field of international relations, diplomacy and decision making mechanism and its successful implementation on the sidelines of 3rd Pan-African Youth Conference organized by Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Gambia and African Youth Commission which took place on 24-25 March 2019 in Banjul, The Gambia. Noting with satisfaction ICYF collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat, first time in its history, in organizing a side event within the context of Model OIC in Commonwealth Youth Dialogue Forum held on 1-5 April 2019 in Kuala-Lumpur, Malaysia. Appreciates the successful implementation of the 1st National Model OIC Conference Pakistan held on 21-23 December 2018 in Karachi, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as well as **Commends** the convening of the second Model OIC for High Schools, a sub event of the Model OIC international program under Joint

Youth Action Plan, co-organized by ICYF and Beyoglu Education and Cultural Foundation; **Welcomes** holding of the “Youth Media Camp” in Samsun (Türkiye) on 15-29 September 2019 co-organized by ICYF, Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Türkiye and Anadolu Agency and its outcomes; **welcomes** ICYF’s Youth Economic Empowerment initiatives under the umbrella program “Young Business Hub (YBH) including Kazan OIC Youth Entrepreneurship Forum, organized under the patronage of the President of Republic of Tatarstan (RF) and **Welcomes also** Takeoff Istanbul Startup investment summit organized by ICYF and Turkish Technology Team Foundation; **invites** IDB, ICCIA and the relevant public and private institutions of Member States to extend support towards the work of Young Business; **Expressing satisfaction** with the organization of the Diplomacy Training Session as part of the 2nd Young Leaders Forum organized by Turkic Council on 22-25 April 2019 in Turkestan, Kazakhstan; **Congratulates** ICYF for successfully hosting the celebration of the OIC Youth Day on the 3 September as the OIC Youth Day as proposal by H.E. Dr. Yousef Al Othaimen, the OIC Secretary General; and **calls upon** the Member States to actively cooperate with ICYF towards the successful organization of the annual OIC Youth Day Celebrations; and also **calls** Member States to celebrate this day in their respective states and encourages member states to host main celebrations on a rotative basis in close cooperation with ICYF;

5. **Appreciates** the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh for facilitating the 1st *Youth CFM* held by the ICYF in Dhaka on 04 May 2018, as the youth segment of the 45th CFM in the implementation of the initiatives proposed at the brainstorming session of the Ministerial meeting on “Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity”, held during the 44th CFM on 11th July 2017 in Abidjan, **commends** the Government of the Republic of Niger for facilitating the holding of the 3th edition as part of the 47th CFM **calls** on hosts of future CFMs to consider organizing the follow-up editions of the Youth CFM in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, ICYF and national youth institutions of Member States;

6. **Appreciates** the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between ICYF and Global Forum for Moderation, which is an affiliated organization of OIC, to further strengthen and consolidate the existing close and friendly relations between both parties towards ensuring joint cooperation in a bid to achieve common objectives with regards to the promotion and support of youth empowerment and sustainable development. **Welcomes** the ongoing cooperation between ICYF and Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan which is leveraged by the official visit of H.E Dr. Mohammed Suleiman Aburman, Minister of Youth & Minister of Culture Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to ICYF Headquarters on 27 August 2019 as well as appreciates the Efforts of H.E Mr. Ahmad Taleb Al Ubaidi, Minister of Youth & Sports of the Republic of Iraq on supporting ICYF by paying an official visit to its headquarters on 24 October 2019;

7. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States and the relevant institutions, in particular IDB and ICESCO to support the implementation of the Joint Youth Action Plan (JYAP) and to fulfill their commitments in this regard as required by the resolutions on youth adopted by the 4th ICYSM Session; **requests** the OIC Women Consultative Council (WCC) to participate and contribute in ICYF activities under the issue of Girls and Young Women Development Programme of JYAP; and **invites** the Member States to actively participate in the International Workshop on “Empowerment of Young Women and Girls in the Conflict Zones” to be organized by ICYF in 2020 with the participation and contribution of WCC; **commends** ICYF and SESRIC for the publication of the 2ND Report on the State of Youth in the OIC Member States and **calls upon** the

Member States to closely cooperate with ICYF for the 3rd edition of the Report in 2022; **welcomes** ICYF on the successful organization of the International Muslim Intellectuals Forum, on annual basis in cooperation with the relevant academic institutions;

8. Welcomes the Memorandum of Understanding signed between ICYF and Islamic Development Bank (June 2015) and **calls upon** IDB to cooperate in its youth related activities with the ICYF programmes and projects; **welcomes also** Memorandum of Understanding signed between ICYF and SESRIC (March 2019), Memorandum of Agreement signed between ICYF and IIUM (April 2016); Letter of Understanding signed between ICYF and ICESCO (April 2016) and its Programme of Cooperation signed in October 2017; Strategic Framework for UNOSSC – ICYF Cooperation signed on 31 October 2016; and **calls upon** the OIC General Secretariat and ICYF to develop coordination mechanism on implementation of the ICYSM decisions on youth issues; **Welcomes also** the Memorandum of Understanding signed between ICYF and Ministry youth and Spots of Republic of Mali on 12 November 2019 on establishing Vocational & Educational Training and Entrepreneurship Development Center in Mali and **Applauds** H.E Arouna Modibo Toure, Minister of Youth and Sport of Republic of Mali for his continuous support to ICYF initiative projects. **Appreciates** Republic of Uzbekistan for hosting the 1st OIC Robotics Competition in Uzbekistan which is organized by COMSTECH in cooperation with ICYF between 27-31 October 2019 in Tashkent Uzbekistan;

9. Expresses profound appreciation to the Patronage of H.E. Mehriban Aliyeva, the First Vice-President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO and ICESCO towards international activities serving the enhancement of friendly relations among the nations, strengthening of inter-cultural dialogue and global peace at large; **welcomes** the establishment of the Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilization (GYMAoC) based on the “Youth for the Alliance of Civilizations” initiative developed by the ICYF and presented at the High Level Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan, in November 2007 under the patronage of H.E. Mehriban Aliyeva; applauds the joint projects implemented by ICYF in the framework of cooperation between the Republic of Azerbaijan and UNAOC;

10. Applauds the joint projects implemented by ICYF in the framework of cooperation between relevant bodies of UN including UNDP, UNOSSC, UNAOC, UNFPA, UNEP, UN Women, ECOSOC and UNESCO in particular in ICYF initiative to establish a platform in Europe to monitor and counter Islamophobia and violent radicalization; and **commends** ICYF’s efforts and actions to raise awareness among youth about Islamophobia at global level; welcomes effective cooperation between ICYF and UNIDO ITPO Bahrain in establishing joint initiatives towards the economic empowerment of youth through the joint projects under the field of Entrepreneurship Development, Vocational Educational Training and startup development and welcomes also the Young Business Entrepreneurship Summit organized by ICYF and UNIDO ITPO Bahrain between 11-13th of November 2019 as part of World Entrepreneurship Investment Forum organized under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, The King of Bahrain;

11. Appreciates the activities of ICYF in promoting the program of “The OIC Memorial Day for commemoration of humanitarian catastrophes of Muslim communities throughout the Twentieth century”, including partnership with ICESCO and Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States to this end and **calls upon** the Member States to actively take part in the

program; invites the Member States to actively support the ICYF campaign #SaveRohingyaNow; Welcomes “Justice for Khojaly” international civil awareness Campaign initiated by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, ICYF General Coordinator for Inter-cultural Dialogue and aimed at disseminating of historical truth on the genocide of Azerbaijani civilians perpetrated by the Armenian armed forces in the town of Khojaly (the Republic of Azerbaijan) in February 1992; **commending** the activities of the Campaign towards raising awareness internationally on the Khojaly genocide, **calls upon** the Member States and the OIC institutions to support and actively participate in the activities of the Campaign and exert due efforts for recognition on national and international levels of this genocidal act as crime against humanity as well as for bringing to justice its perpetrators; **welcomes** also ICYF programme aiming to raise awareness among the European youth on the history of Muslim sufferings in Anatolia in 1915;

12. Appreciates the support and contribution by the Government of the Republic of Türkiye as host of the ICYF Headquarters in Istanbul; **welcomes** support by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan towards the activities of ICYF; **calls upon** the Member States to support the activities of ICYF by also enabling their national youth institutions to participate in the Forum and its activities;

13. Expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the President of the Republic of Türkiye and H.E. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan for their devotion to the cause of the development of the youth of OIC Member States and their personal support towards ICYF activities as well as the mandatory contributions by the Governments of Türkiye and Azerbaijan to ICYF Headquarters in Istanbul and ICYF Euroasian Regional Center in Baku in order to accomplish its mission effectively;

14. Thanks H.E. Hissein Brahim Taha , the OIC Secretary General for the efforts resulted in increasing efficiency of cooperation between the OIC General Secretariat with ICYF on a whole range of youth issues as the major partner vis-à-vis implementation of the OIC-2025 Programme of Action in the field of youth;

15. Welcomes the initiative of ICYF in successfully implementing the first year program of Intellectual Heritages of Islamic World to the Humanity Project organized in close cooperation with OIC Member states and **calls** relevant OIC Institutions, including IRCICA, SESRIC, ICESCO and IDB, to closely cooperate with ICYF to leverage the implementation of the program;

16. Welcomes the decision of ICYF to establish and finance the ICYF Youth Values Award to promote moral values of OIC Member States among the youth and to grant the first award in 2020; invites the Member States and the relevant OIC institutions to cooperate with ICYF for the success of this initiative;

17. Commends the World Ethno-sport Confederation on successful implementation of international festivals towards the promotion of deep rooted cultures of OIC Member States; invites Member States and OIC institutions, including Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation to closely cooperate with World Ethno-Sport Confederation through their relevant bodies to contribute the activities of the Confederation and welcomes outstanding collaboration between ICYF and the

Confederation towards developing brotherhood and among the youth of the OIC through joint programs in their benefit;

18. Emphasizes the significance of Zero Wastage Project, an environment protection project of ICYF on struggling against wastage, implemented in coordination and cooperation with the “Zero Waste” Project, organized within the framework of United Nations’ “Act now climate Campaign, by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization of Republic of Türkiye under auspices of H.E. Emine Erdogan, First Lady of the Republic of Türkiye;

19. Welcomes ICYF in successfully maintaining the ongoing process of merging ICYF entrepreneurship projects—and Youth economic empowerment initiatives into ICYF Young Business Hub international program, including those mentioned in Joint Youth Action Plan, requests OIC Member States and relevant OIC institutions to review accordingly and update previous agreements for the successful implementation of all ICYF entrepreneurship programs”;

20. Welcomes the empowered functions of the Regional Center of ICYF for Eurasia (ICYF-ERC) hosted by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Baku and having the status of Regional Center mandated to act on youth issues within its regional outreach; welcomes the support by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan towards the activities of ICYF-ERC, and international projects and programmes implemented by ICYF-ERC in the framework of this support and its mandate, including the annual Kazan OIC Youth Entrepreneurship Forum, the Model OIC International Relations Academy and Simulation Conferences in the region; applauds the declaration of 2022 as the "Year of Shusha" and 2023 as the "Year of Heydar Aliyev" in Azerbaijan as well as the relevant activities of ICYF-ERC, including the "Show me Azerbaijan-International Bloggers Shusha Camp"; appreciates the campaigns held by ICYF-ERC for the promotion of Islamic values, fight against Islamophobia and solidarity among the youth of the region through organization of the series of Debate Championships in Baku (Azerbaijan), Kazan (Tatarstan-RF), Taraz (Kazakhstan), Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Tashkent (Uzbekistan); requests the concerned Member States to support the ICYF-ERC through ICYF;

21. Welcomes also holding of the “volunteering themed photography context” co-organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Türkiye and ICYF, and its outcomes; **Appreciates** the high-level support and contributions of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Türkiye to the ICYF activities, especially youth camps organized every year under various themes for the development of Muslim youth;

22. To urge ICYF and ISSF to mobilize several campaigns in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat for raising awareness of the importance of Al Quds al-Shariff among the youth of OIC Member States and Muslim youth in the non-Member States.

23. Requests the Secretary General to submit the report of the Forum’s activities to the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

C) INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MUSLIM SCOUTS (IUMS)

- 1. Blesses** the future activities that IUMS decided to carry out within its plan 2023/2024 and urges Member States to host and actively participate in these activities with the aim of making them successful and giving it all possible material and moral support;
- 2. Expresses** its thanks to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz and His Highness the Crown Prince, Prince Muhammad bin Salman, for permanently hosting the headquarters of IUMS in Jeddah, and for the moral and material support out of their full belief in caring for all issues related to the Islamic Countries youth Islamic;
- 3. Blesses** the establishment of the international initiative "Green Middle East", which was announced by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdul-Aziz, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, and **confirms** his support for the initiative and his readiness to contribute to the implementation of the initiative through scouts in the member states that implement the initiative;
- 4. Expresses** its sincere thanks to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for his support for the activities and programs of the Unio;
- 5. Congratulates** Mr. Ahmed Al-Hindawi, Secretary-General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the World Scout Committee, the success of the 42nd World Scout Conference and 14th World Scout Youth Forum;
- 6. Congratulates** the Arab Republic of Egypt for winning the organization of hosting the 43rd World Scout Conference and 15th World Scout Youth Forum in 2024 and **calls** for cooperation with it to make the conference a success;
- 7. Expresses** thanks to the Minister of Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for his support of the activities and programs of the IUMS trips for university students, youth, and calls for more cooperation in the implementation of international trips;
- 8. Expresses** to His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Omar Nassif, President of IUMS, in implementing the activities and programs of the IUMS, and **calls** for more cooperation between the IUMS and Scout societies in all countries of the world;
- 9. Expresses** his thanks to the directors of the Scout regions of the World Scout Organization for their cooperation and support for Muslim youth in the world and the work of scout teams for Muslim youth and their registration in scout associations in countries recognized by the World Scout Organization and invites them to further cooperation with IUMS;
- 10. Expresses** its thanks to the scout associations that cooperated in implementing the medal projects, namely: (Eradication of Illiteracy), (Removing Harm from the Road) and (Green World);
- 11. Calls** on the ministers of higher education and ministers of education in the member states of the organization to emphasize the universities to participate in international trips and educational and scientific forums for talented and outstanding youth and university students organized by the

IUMS to achieve the desire of the kings and heads of Islamic countries at the third extraordinary summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah 2005 At the invitation of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, which aims to strengthen national unity and assign university administrators to participate in these activities;

12. Requests the Member States, through the Ministers of Youth and Sports, or the concerned authorities, to urge the internationally recognized scout associations and youth organizations to participate in the project (the World Youth Forum for Tourism and the Environment), which will be held by IUMS, and invites the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to support the project, which serves youth in All fields of scouting, sports and social;

13. Ask the President of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation to coordinate with the IUMS to set up scout camps on the sidelines of Islamic sports tournaments held in member states and to benefit from the participants in the implementation of the activities of the session;

14. Calls the banks in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to support the activities organized by IUMS, based on their role towards social responsibility and in the service of the youth of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

15. Blesses the launch of IUMS in training the youth of the Islamic countries in the media and qualifying them to obtain courses in the media and graduating a qualified media generation from the universities of the member states and requests the ministers of higher education to direct university administrators to facilitate the participation of their students in this important activity, which is implemented in cooperation with ISESCO;

16. Blesses the launch of IUMS by organizing international sports trips in cooperation with European and Asian clubs and carrying out programs for youth and students who excel in sports and calls upon the Ministers of Youth and Sports and the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation to cooperate in the success of this project;

17. Welcomes the decision of the 14th IUMS Conference for the General Secretariat to launch the “Day of Giving for the Muslim Scouts” on the Day of Arafah every year and calls upon the Ministers of Youth and Sports, the Ministers of Education, and the heads of scout associations in the Member States to activate and celebrate this day to inform our children of the importance of the Day of Arafah for Muslims;

18. Expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Islamic Development Bank for its support to the projects and activities of IUMS and hopes to increase the support allocated to youth activities in training and workshops;

19. Recommends to support courses for preparing Muslim scout leaders to obtain the wooden badge for the formation of leaders of Muslim scout teams who take care of Muslim children and clarify the Islamic religion for non-Muslims;

20. Expresses its thanks to the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - ISESCO, headed by the Director General, His Excellency Dr. Salem bin Muhammad Al-Malik, for its support for the programs of the World Federation of Muslim Scouts, and blesses their efforts in the joint activities carried out by the Federation with ISESCO;

- 21. Blesses** the establishment of the IUMS as an advisory body for training, international activities and programs organized by universities in Islamic countries in cooperation with ISESCO and requests their Excellencies the ministers of higher education and university directors to cooperate with them in this field;
- 22. Congratulates** the IUMS for organizing the Forum for Dialogue and Moderation for Youth and Scouts, which will be implemented in the continent of Africa, in coordination and cooperation with Member States, and calls on the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund of OIC to support the forum;
- 23. Appreciates** the efforts of IUMS in establishing activities and programs for girl guides and girls and calls for more efforts in this regard;
- 24. Thanks,** the Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi for hosting the World Youth Forum and requests the Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Egypt to benefit from the IUMS in implementing this forum in the coming years and affirms the support of the IUMS for this forum and put all its possibilities for cooperation;
- 25. Blesses** the launch of the IUMS in holding meetings and activities for people with special needs;
- 26. Expresses** thanks and appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, represented by the Ministry of Sports, for hosting the fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports and the excellent arrangements it made for the success of the said conference. Thanks also the OIC General Secretariat of for its outstanding efforts in making the conference a success;
- 27. Welcomes** the establishment of introductory programs for Muslim youth, scouts rangers, and scout leaders, to visit the Two Holy Mosques (tourism and worship);
- 28. Welcomes** the launch by the International Federation of Muslim Scouts of a platform to serve Muslim communities around the world;

D) The World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools (WF-IAIS)

- 1. Recommends** General Secretariat, Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development recommends support of World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) to establish modal schools in (Chad- Iraq- Tajikistan- Kazakhstan) which are aligned with the general strategy that was referred to OIC up to 2025;
- 2. Expresses** its acknowledgement and appreciation to Islamic Solidarity Fund for support and finance of the Federation Projects from its establishment to date;
- 3. Commends** the “Digital School” initiative launched by the UAE to provide certified online education to students wherever they are and irrespective of their social, economic and educational backgrounds, with the aim to reach over one million students;
- 4. Expresses** its acknowledgement to Islamic Bank for Development for support and finance of the Federation projects from its establishment to date;

- 5. Recommends** United Arab Emirates, Mohamed bin Rashid Space Center and UAE Space Agency to support the project of preparation of applied guide for building the awareness of teachers and students about aeronautics “Al Amal Spacecraft as example”, which is presented by Prof. Dr. Ali Al Gamal, Former Dean of the Faculty of Education, Ain Shams University, and constellation of specialized professors of the Federation Experts;
- 6. Recommends** Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development recommend organization of training courses of Arabic language teachers of foreign learners in Asia, Africa, Central Asia, Caucasus and Balkan;
- 7. Recommends** Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development to continue with support of Arabic language education for foreign learners among the expatriate male and female students to study in Al Azhar University and those living in the Islamic Scholarships City affiliate to Al Azhar Al Sharif Sheikhdome in Al Azhar institutes in the pre-university education stages and in the faculties of university education and postgraduate studies;
- 8.** Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development recommend contribution to finance printing of chain of the Federation Books for teaching of Arabic language to foreign learners and to distribute them to the Muslim people, and to establish Federation Press in its head office and other press in intermediate locations among the Muslim countries and territories to facilitate generalization of benefit in those countries and among Muslim communities;
- 9. Recommends** support of the project of Fund of Arab and Islamic Schools and Institutions Support to help them upgrade the educational level;
- 10. Calls on** member states to cooperate with World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) to effectuate its role in development of educational system in community schools and their access to the Federation Membership, and to normalize the programs of evaluation, development and training, which are delivered by World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS);
- 11. Recommends** support of the Federation Project which is presented by International Education In Emergency (EIE International) Company to establish the international education in emergency academy as to be the first specialized educational academy to support the education system of the refugees and displaced in our Arab and Muslim world around us in accordance with international standards in cooperation with World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS);
- 12. Recommends** support of the Federation project presented by International Center for Specific Education which is affiliate of International Islamic Charity Organization in Kuwait to establish an academy for development and humanitarian work to support the humanitarian work system in Arab and Muslim world and around the world to be based in Kuwait in cooperation with World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS);
- 13. Calls on** support of the Federation project to establish an educational department in the Faculty of Imam Al Shafey “Comoros University” to grant “Bachelor” Certificate in all majors of Arabic and in accordance with the agreements signed by the Federation and the Ministry of National Education to study master and PhD in Department of Curricula and Methods of Teaching;

- 14. Recommends** in accordance with the protocol of cooperation between World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) in Cairo and Administrative Development Center in Cairo, adoption of measures for establishment of private school to be aligned and comply with application of the OIC Principles in dissemination of moderation and humanitarian tolerance to be managed by experts of the Federation, including experts from Administrative Development Center, and to supervise the curricula of the Ministry of Education in the State on the territories of which it is established;
- 15. Recommends** according to communication and understanding between World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) in Cairo and Al Qalam Cultural and Development Organization In Chad to effectuate cooperation in propagation of education and learning of Arabic to foreign learners of male and female students and teachers of schools in the cities of Chad in general and the schools of Al Qalam Cultural and Development Organization, particularly with organization by federation experts of rehabilitation courses of male and female students in teaching of Arabic to foreign learners, and courses for preparation of teachers of Arabic to foreign learners, and to provide them with suitable packages of the Federation Book chain for teaching of Arabic language to foreign learners (Arabic language for juniors) in the near future, with the help of Allah;
- 16. Recommends** support of the Exam Council for International Muslim Schools which is established by the Federation in collaboration with League of Islamic Universities and Muslim World League, which aims at setting exams of community schools under supervision of OIC League and effectuate this council and establish regional branches of it;
- 17.** Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development recommend support of the activity of World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) to establish a center for teaching Arabic to foreign learners and meeting point of civilizations in the British Capital of London;
- 18.** Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development recommend support of the activity of World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) to establish a center for teaching Arabic to foreign learners in Cairo, Capital of the Arab Republic of Egypt;
- 19.** Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development recommend support of the activity of World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) to establish a center for teaching Arabic to foreign learners in Jakarta, Capital of Indonesia or in a grand island in the Republic of Indonesia;
- 20. Recommends** support of World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) to establish exam center in Uganda in cooperation with Islamic University in Uganda;
- 21. Recommends** World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools' (WFAIIS) support to establish exam council in Malaysia in cooperation with the International Islamic University in Malaysia;
- 22. Recommends** support of the two projects of World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS), which are presented by Arab Academy of Educational Science

to establish a university to be named (International University of educational and information science) based in Cairo and to open branches in other countries;

23. Welcomes establishment by Bangladesh People’s Government of the first Arab University in the name of “Arab Islamic University” and encourage OIC institutions to support this institution;

24. Request the Secretary General to follow up the issues in the present resolution and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the CFM.

RESOLUTION NO. 8/49-C
ON
BAYT-MAL AL-QUDS AL-SHARIF AGENCY

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Recalling the principles and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC),

Recalling resolution no.7/9-C (IS) of the 9th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Doha (2000),

Recalling also the resolutions of successive Sessions of Al-Quds Committee, especially those pertaining to the founding and structuring of Bayt-Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency,

Determined to intensify efforts in defending the Muslims' first "*qibla*" and third holiest mosque, safeguarding its Arab identity and Islamic character and protecting it from Zionist infringement and judaization plans:

- 1. Commends** the dedicated efforts of His Majesty King Muhammad VI in sponsoring Bayt-Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency and generously supporting it to enable it to play its role in protecting the holy city and its steadfast Palestinian inhabitants and safeguarding its Arab and Islamic sacred identity and heritage, and accomplish its mission by providing it with premises and with generous financial resources to activate its work in the best conditions;
- 2. Commends** the projects carried out by the Bayt Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency, the executive arm of "Al-Quds Committee" chaired by His Majesty King Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, which involved, in particular, developing the university squares, establishing an environmental club within Al-Quds University in Beit Hanina, constructing annexes for the Child Institute at the University (which provides care and treatment for Jerusalemite children suffering from health, psychological or educational problems), in addition to equipping the university dental clinics at the Makassed Islamic Charitable Society Hospital to enable students to carry out practical training required by this specialty, and building an additional floor in the Ibrahimieh College, at a total cost of more than \$1.6 million. The Agency also continues to support Jerusalemite students with scholarships in various disciplines, especially scientific disciplines, at an average of 20 scholarships per year for regular students at Al-Quds University, with 100 scholarships allocated in 2022 for students enrolled at Al-Quds Open University. The Agency also launched "Beit Mal Al-Quds System for Education and Vocational Training in Al-Quds";
- 3. Lauds** the establishment of the Moroccan cultural center '*Bayt Al-Maghrib*' in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to spread the values of tolerance and coexistence among cultures and the three divine religions;
- 4. Invites** the member states to extend their support to Bayt-Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency, facilitate its tasks in all fields to mobilize all potentialities and utilize all financial resources and

technical expertise with a view to contributing to the fulfillment of its projects in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif;

5. Also invites Islamic public and private institutions, financing funds, banks, businessmen and individuals to discharge their duty of supporting Bayt-Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency and generously provide it with all the assistance needed to achieve its ambitious and pressing objectives in the areas of housing, education, health and others, and preserve the Arab identity and Islamic landmarks in Al-Quds Al-Sharif;

6. Exhorts firms and investors from Islamic states to invest in Al-Quds out of cooperation with the inhabitants of Al-Quds in the various economic, trade and tourism fields, in order to shield the Holy City from the encroaching peril of judaization and preserve the Arab character of the City and its Muslim holy places;

7. Invites the Agency to conduct working visits to the Member States, and **calls upon** all states to help it organize large-scale campaigns and establish intensive contacts with all the competent authorities, on both the governmental and private enterprise levels, in the areas of information, culture, finance and trade, in order to mobilize ample financial resources from governments, the private sector and at the popular level to meet the huge needs of the steadfastness of the holy city, considering the enormous challenges it is confronted with in the fate-determining battle imposed upon it;

8. Affirms the need to implement the resolutions of previous Islamic conferences, which call on the Member States to extend support to Bayt-Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency of Al-Quds Committee to enable it to Implement development projects, preserve the Arab, Islamic and civilizational character of the city of Al-Quds and reinforce the steadfastness of its people against Israeli continued illegal, illegitimate and unlawful measures intended to judaize the holy city which violates international laws and in line with the strategic plan on the development of the vital sectors in the city of Al-Quds Al-Shareef, which sets the priorities of the city and identifies its urgent needs;

RESOLUTION NO. 9/49-C
ON
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (COMIAC)

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Recalling Resolution No. 13/3-P(IS) adopted by the Third Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah/Taif (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) in June 1981, in favor of establishing a Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) as well as all the decisions of the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 46th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), the 11th Session of COMIAC, and 10th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Information held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 2-4 December 2014,

Recalling the recommendations contained in the Ten-Year Program of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005,

Taking note of the important recommendations adopted by the Ninth Session of COMIAC, held in Dakar (Republic of Senegal) on 11-12 October, 2010:

1. **Notes with appreciation** the establishment of the COMIAC Coordination Office;
2. **Expresses satisfaction** with the efforts put in by the Republic of Senegal to reenergize COMIAC; in this regard, **commends**, in particular, the appointment of the Director of the COMIAC Coordination Office;
3. **Commends** the Republic of Senegal for having successfully hosted the 11th session of the COMIAC in Dakar on 14-15 May 2018, and appreciates Member States' active participation at the event;
4. **Encourages and supports** cooperation between COMIAC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to explore ways and resources that can be tapped to finance the COMIAC activities;
5. **Welcomes** the constant contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the COMIAC and invites Member States and relevant institutions to bring their financial support to the COMIAC's programs and activities through the expeditious settlement of voluntary contributions;
6. **Commends** the efforts of the State of the United Arab Emirates in the field of cultural affairs (COMIAC) by supporting information, art and sports through the humanitarian and charity establishment of Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Ruler of the Emirate of Dubai, which benefitted to date half a million people, including 67000 media specialists who participate in shaping a new media reality in the region, and which endeavors to reinforce a tolerant civilizational discourse by investing half a billion Dirhams in cultural and civilizational communication initiatives for the benefit of over 200 nationalities;

RESOLUTION NO. 10/49-C
ON
THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE ISLAMIC AND WORLD
HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGES

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC,

Emphasizing the importance of protection and preservation of historical religious sites and various places of worship and ancient historical artifacts in OIC Member States as well as other parts of the world,

Stressing the importance for the Member States to provide the necessary protection to cultural, archaeological and historical monuments and antiquities located on its territory and within its borders, including religious sites, places of worship, educational institutions, museums, and other archaeological, historical and cultural heritage monuments,

Recalling and welcoming the relevant Security Council resolutions, specifically Resolution 1483 (2003) and Resolution 2199 (2015) on combating the trafficking of cultural and scientific property looted from Iraq and Syria and on urging its restitution to the institutions of both countries, along with Resolution 2347 (2017) on the protection of cultural heritage and cultural property in the event of armed conflict,

Noting the decision of the 197th Session of UNESCO Executive Board held in October 2015, to establish a Blue Helmets Cultural Unit to protect or defend important cultural sites before they are destroyed by terrorist attacks, war, or hit by natural disasters,

Recalling the decisions adopted by UNESCO Executive Board at its 197th, 199th, 200th and 201st sessions, regarding the Plan of Action to Implement the Strategy for Reinforcing UNESCO's Action for the Protection of Culture and the Promotion of Cultural Pluralism in the Event of Armed Conflict, which contains measures on which the Member States can build to safeguard archaeological and historical sites, cultural property and institutions involved in cultural activities, in cooperation with the relevant UN bodies,

1. Welcomes the establishment by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of a Center on the Conservation of Cultural Heritage named after the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, the establishment by the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage of a center for national architectural heritage to preserve and rehabilitate national heritage, the recent change of the name of the "Saudi Commission for Tourism and Antiquities" to become the "Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage" to be inclusive of all aspects and components of heritage;

- 2. Welcomes** the decisions taken by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to protect heritage, chief of which is the decision on the preservation of Islamic heritage sites; as well as the Saudi Government's adoption of the law on museums and architectural heritage and the executive rules and regulations thereof;
- 3. Stresses** the focus on the two elements of awareness-raising and the importance of cultural heritage among local communities with all their constituents by presenting effective programmes designed to promote the individual's knowledge of his cultural assets, in coordination with specialized educational, vocational and cultural institutions, with a view to building a generation of the Muslim society that is capable of playing its part towards its country and its security;
- 4. Commends** the UAE's heritage preservation efforts translating in the launch of the Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage and the setting up of cultural heritage centers and institutes in the country and the world over;
- 5. Commends** Morocco's hosting of the 17th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO, held in Rabat on November 28 - December 3, 2022, and welcomes its outputs and recommendations; **COMMENDS** the signing by Morocco and UNESCO, on the sidelines of this session, of an agreement for the protection of tangible and intangible heritage in Africa, which aims to train experts to protect and inscribe new sites on the World Heritage List, especially African countries that do not have any recognized sites;
- 6. Welcomes** the Member States' efforts in protecting cultural and natural heritage; and calls on the Member States in this regard to design the necessary educational and training programmes on the regional and international mechanisms for the protection of cultural and historical property as well as cultural and natural heritage, enlarge scope for scientific research activities, establish museums and stage specialized exhibitions;
- 7. Emphasizes** the creation of appropriate mechanisms to activate the charter on the preservation and conservation of Islamic heritages;
- 8. Strongly condemns** the crimes committed against tangible and intangible cultural heritage in all its forms in the territories of Azerbaijan by Armenia, and also Iraq, Libya, Mali, Palestine, Yemen, Afghanistan, Syria and in other Member States; and Invites ICESCO and IRCICA, to form a group of experts to elaborate a plan for repairing damage to Islamic monuments and historical sites in member States, which were subject to subversive terrorist acts, in coordination with Member States and in cooperation with UNESCO in order to monitor the situation of cultural, civilizational and religious heritages in the Muslim World, and preserve and protect it, and taking part in countering acts of destruction and vandalism against such heritages;
- 9. Commends** the successful holding of the Colloquium jointly organized by the OIC General Secretariat, in collaboration with the Republic of France on the "Preservation and Conservation of Cultural Heritage in the OIC Member States", held on 14-15 May 2017, at the OIC General Secretariat, within the context of the implementation of the Resolution number 10/43-C on "The Protection and preservation of the Islamic and world historical and cultural heritages", adopted by the 43rd Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), held in October 2016, in Tashkent, Republic of

Uzbekistan, with the aim of contributing to the safeguarding and protection of cultural heritage in Member States;

10. Welcomes the convening of the International Conference on Protection of Cultural Heritage of the Muslim World by the OIC General Secretariat, IRCICA and ICESCO held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye on 1-2 November 2017, as was decided by the 9th Islamic Conference of **Culture**-Ministers (ICCM), held in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, on 2-4 November 2015, and endorsed by the 13th Session of Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye on 14-15 April, 2016; and Urge the Member States to consider the recommendations of the Istanbul Declaration, including the proposal of setting up an OIC Platform for Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage, that was adopted by the said Conference;

11. Welcomes the convening and outcome of a workshop organized by the OIC General Secretariat on the “*Establishment of an OIC Platform for Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage in the Muslim world*” held on 7-8 October 2019, within the context of the implementation of the Resolution number 10/46-C on “The Protection and Preservation of the Islamic and World Historical and Cultural Heritages”, adopted by the 46th Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers, held on 1-2 March 2019, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, with the aim of discussing the proposed project, including the purpose, objectives, role, missions and future actions of this OIC Platform;

12. Requests the General Secretariat to implement the recommendations of the workshop in association with the concerned institutions;

13. Calls upon Member States together with the relevant OIC institutions, particularly IRCICA, ICESCO, IDB and ISF to develop and support the concrete actions related to setting up of the said platform, including considering the possibility of establishing a special fund to support the projects and activities in the Member States, especially in Least Developed ones (LDCs);

14. Commends the efforts of the OIC for protecting cultural heritage among Member States, expresses its deep concern about attack, as well as threat of attackers, in contravention of applicable international law and international conventions, against cultural sites, centers and cultural heritage and invites the member states to strengthen their cooperation in this regard to conserve and protect these cultural sites;

15. Supports the call from the OIC Group at UNESCO, for this UN Agency to cooperate closely with experts from OIC Member States in helping to counter the attacks on culture and heritage, as to exert the tolerant principles of Islam and profound respect to human heritage;

16. Requests support for the Republic of Iraq to rebuild and rehabilitate Nineveh prophets’ tombs as well as historical and Islamic monuments brought to ruin by terrorist groups and organizations;

17. Commends the efforts put in by the State of the United Arab Emirates with regard to its contribution of over 20 million US\$ to support heritage protection projects in conflict region, and take action to fund restoration and rehabilitation of mankind heritage in conflict regions;

18. Being appreciative of the efforts made by the United Arab Emirates and the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and their cooperation in launching an initiative for the recovery of the heritage and cultural sites in the Iraq city of Mousal, under the theme of “Reviving the spirit of Mousel”, an initiative which aims at rehabilitating the historical landmarks in the city of Mousal which represent crucial milestones in the long track of Islamic civilization; Also paying tribute to the UAE’s initiative for the funding of the reconstruction works of the Nouri Al Kebir Mosque and the Al Hadba Minaret;

19. Calls upon Member States, the IDB, and ICESCO to finance the ethno-historical sports (hunting with birds of prey and dogs, horse and camel racing, kok-boru/buzkasi, the national wrestling and intellectual games) and other national, traditional and historical sports in the Member States through opening of the sport centers in the Member States and organizing regular sports competitions on the basis of the World Nomad Games;

20. Commends the efforts of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the protection of world cultural heritage and welcomes its generous hosting of the 43rd session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee on 1 July, 2019 in Baku”;

21. Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.11/49-C
ON
PROMOTION OF COOPERATION AMONG OIC MEMBER STATES
IN THE CULTURAL DOMAIN
AND SUPPORTING CINEMATORGRAPHIC PRODUCTION

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Recalling the outcomes of the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held on 13-14 April 2016 in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye,

Cognizant of the importance of cultural heritage in general and Cinematographic legacy in particular, in shaping international public perceptions,

Reaffirming the necessity to develop a Member States' cultural policy in which manifestations such as arts, painting, literature, music, etc., will contribute to consolidating the cultural identity and the diplomatic influence of the OIC in the world,

Desirous to foster Member States' common values of family, living together, sharing, solidarity and peace,

Desirous to support cinematographic production and promote cooperation in the cultural domain with a view to reinforcing cultural relations among Member States,

1. **Emphasizes** the importance of the effective implementation of paragraph 185 of the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference which “called on the General Secretariat to take measures, in cooperation with Member States in order to support cinematographic production and promote cooperation in the cultural domain, including through holding an OIC film festival, with a view to reinforcing cultural relations among Member States”;
2. **Welcomes** the convening of an Inter-Governmental Expert-Group Meeting for the examination of the Concept Paper on the establishment of an OIC Prize and the consideration of the idea of launching an OIC Film Festival, which was held on 20 December 2018, at the OIC Headquarters; and call the Member States to support the Prize and request the General Secretariat to follow up the outcome of this meeting;
3. **Welcomes** the granting of the first edition of the OIC Prize entitled "OIC Prize for Peace and Coexistence", which is created to support cinematographic production in Member States on the sidelines of the 26th session of the Pan African Film and Television Festival of Ouagadougou “FESPACO”, held from 23 February to 02 March 2019, in Burkina Faso, under the slogan "Memory and the Future of African Cinema";
4. **Welcomes** the holding of the 28th edition of the Pan-African Film & TV Festival of Ouagadougou (FESPACO), due from 25 February to 4 March 2023 in Ouagadougou, and **CALLS** on Member States and the relevant OIC institutions to actively participate in this edition and to support Burkina Faso for the success of this event;

5. **Underscores** the efforts of the General Secretariat to prepare a concept note on the selection criteria for the winners in the festival; and calls for the convening of an intergovernmental group of experts and concerned institutions to study the concept note and then to submit it to the Permanent Finance Committee and the Council of Foreign Ministers for its adoption;
6. **Encourage** the willing Member States to host the first edition of the OIC Film Festival in 2022;
7. **Request** the Chair to convene the IGGE to finalize the rules and criteria of the Festival;
8. **Encourages** the reinforcement of cooperation among film festivals throughout OIC Member States, and in particular support to joint initiatives and projects in cinematographic production, which sheds light on subjects related to the Palestinian cause, chief of which is Al-Quds Al-Sharif, with a view to raising cultural and humanitarian awareness in Muslim world societies;
9. **Approves the holding** of an OIC Cultural Day to be celebrated by Member States, the OIC and its subsidiary and specialized institutions on a date to be determine;
10. **Call upon** Member States to implement Article (1) (Chapter 1) of the OIC Charter on the objectives and principles to "enhance and consolidate the bonds of fraternity and solidarity among the Member States." It also calls for the operationalization of paragraph 163 of the Final Communique of the 13th Islamic Summit (14-15 April 2016, Istanbul. Türkiye) to achieve development and improve joint Islamic action in the intellectual, developmental, political, cultural, humanitarian, and technical fields among others. This can materialize through the organization of festivals and activities under the OIC umbrella and in effective coordination with the General Secretariat by active contribution of the Member States;
11. **Welcomes** the hosting of the First and the Second Sessions of the OIC Festivals held on 5-9 February 2019 in Cairo by the Arab Republic of Egypt and on 24-30 April 2019 in Abu Dhabi by the United Arab Emirates. It also welcomes the hosting by the Kingdom of the Saudi Arabia the Third Session of the Festival on 25- 29 November, 2019 which coincided with the OIC Golden Jubilee;
12. **Welcomes** the initiative of Member States, namely Azerbaijan, Sierra Leone, Turkmenistan, Togo, Tunisia, Mozambique, and Burkina Faso, which have expressed their desire to host the OIC Festival. Urges Member States wishing to host the coming sessions of this Festival to inform the General Secretariat of the matters that would support interaction between intellect, politics, culture, heritage, arts, economy, humanitarian action, and solidarity among the Muslim communities in the world, highlight Islamic civilization and the OIC role and promote cooperation among peoples;
13. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat for organizing a Cultural Activity under the theme "Culture, Education and Development: Experiences from the Muslim World" in Kampala, Uganda, on 11-12 June 2022, in partnership with the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU), the goal of which was to highlight the importance of promoting educational leadership and the rich cultural expressions in Africa; and **thanks** the Republic of Uganda for the successful hosting of this event;
14. **Welcomes** the Indonesian initiative to organize the OIC Cultural Activity (OICCA) in 2023, in East Kalimantan, Indonesia as follow up of the Fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers held in Jeddah from 7 – 9 September 2022 and invites the Member

States to participate in it. The OICCA will showcase the involvement of youth in various cultural activities”;

- 15. Decides** to hold a Festival of Islamic Arts and Handicrafts in one of the OIC Member States in order to contribute to the radiance of the Islamic culture in all its aspects;
- 16. Requests** the General Secretariat, in coordination with relevant OIC institutions, to conduct the necessary consultations with the Member States for them to manifest their interest in holding the 1st edition of this important event;
- 17. Requests** the IDB, ICESCO, IRCICA and all other relevant OIC institutions to fully support all cultural cooperation initiatives, including in the area of cinematographic production;
- 18. Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 12/49-C
ON
SUPPORTING RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF
HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND PROPERTY IN IRAQ

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Recalling Resolution No. 10/43-C of its 43rd session held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 17-18 Muharram 1438 H (18-19 October 2016), regarding the protection and preservation of Islamic and world historical and cultural heritage,

Referring to the second paragraph of its 43rd session’s Resolution No. 42/43-POL on the crimes of Daesh, wherein it condemned the complete and systematic destruction, particularly in Mosul, of human civilization antiquities in Iraq,

Pointing out to the relevant UN Security Council’s resolutions, most recently Resolution 2347 (2017) for the protection of historical property and heritage during armed conflict, especially in Iraq and Syria, and calling on it to examine ways to protect these antiquities and restore looted cultural property,

Commending the role of the State of Kuwait in hosting the Conference on the Reconstruction of Iraq, as well as the role of all states and organizations, which provided support for Iraq,

- 1. Condemns** anew the destruction and demolition of Iraq’s historical antiquities and cultural property at the hands of the terrorist organization of Daesh and invites Member States shall endeavor to help Iraq restore Iraqi antiquities taken abroad during the occupation of Iraqi territories by *Daesh* criminal gangs, if found on their territories;
- 2. Calls for** holding an international conference in the shortest possible time, especially after the liberation of all Iraqi cities and territories from the terrorist organization of Daesh. The conference, to be held under the patronage of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and with the coordination of the Iraqi government and regional and international partners, including the UN and its relevant agencies, will seek to examine rebuilding and rehabilitation means for Iraqi antiquities and cultural property which have been destroyed and demolished by the terrorist organization of Daesh, and support the efforts of the Iraqi Government to restore its monuments by providing the technical support and expertise to rehabilitate historical sites, monuments and infrastructures required for their preservation;
- 3. Commends** the efforts of the United Arab Emirates in relation to the reconstruction of the devastated historical cities, and the launch of the “Revive the Spirit of Mosul” initiative, designed to rebuild “Al-Nouri Mosque” and its “Al-Hadba Minaret”, “Al-Saa’a Church”, and “Al-Tahera Church”;

4. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow through efforts to hold the said Conference and to coordinate to this end with the Iraqi government and all countries and organizations, both regional and international.

RESOLUTION NO.13/49-C
ON
COMMEMORATION OF WORLD ARABIC LANGUAGE DAY

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Guided by the objectives of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation which provide for spreading, promotion and maintenance of Islamic teachings and values based on moderation and tolerance and for promotion of Islamic culture and preservation of Islamic heritage,

Guided also by the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation which identified Arabic as one of the three official languages of the Organization,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 3190 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 on inclusion of Arabic among the official and the working languages of the United Nations,

Recalling also the decision of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at its 190th session to promote the observation of World Arabic Language Day on 18 December every year as one of the international days marked by UNESCO,

Recalling the importance of Arabic language as the language of the Noble Qur'an, the language of worship of Muslims and the foundation stone of the Islamic ummah culture with the variety of their inclinations, cultures and tongues,

Sensing the importance of supporting and celebrating the Arabic language and of striving to spread it in order to preserve it and encourage its widespread usage among Muslims in various parts of the world,

1. **Decides** to observe World Arabic Language Day on 18 December every year;
2. **Invites** the OIC General Secretariat, its subsidiary organs, and specialized and affiliated institutions and external offices to mark World Arabic Language Day on 18 December as one of the days marked by the OIC and to offer activities and initiatives to support the observation of the day;
3. **Encourages** the General Secretariat and relevant agencies in Member States to cooperate to promote, spread and mark the day and the Arabic language;
4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of the resolution and to report thereon to the 50th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.