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RESOLUTION NO.1/42-LEG
ON
FOLLOW-UP AND COORDINATION OF ACTION IN
THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Forty-second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of joint vision to strengthen tolerance and reject terrorism) held in Kuwait City, State of Kuwait from 9-10 Sha'baan 1436H (27-28 May 2015),

Mindful of the noble motives and objectives of the glorious Islamic faith with its particular emphasis on human rights, and **aware of** the Islamic Shariaa's comprehensive and integrated character as to the human being's rights, elevated status and high studying,

Bearing in mind the OIC Charter's objectives, namely the consolidation and promotion of due respect for human rights and fundamental liberties for all people irrespective of their ethnicity, gender or religion,

Recalling all the relevant resolutions issued by the various sessions of the Islamic Summit and the Council of Foreign Ministers, particularly Res. No.49/19 Pol which adopted the document titled "Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam",

Being aware of the need to strengthen the current mechanisms at the OIC to explore ways and means to advance and protect human rights through the adoption of various approaches including the evolvment of a set of Islamic covenants on human rights,

Acknowledging the Member States' commitment and efforts in favour of the consolidation and protection of the internationally recognized human rights with due consideration to the importance of their respective religious, national and regional specificities and all their historic and cultural background, while still mindful of the "Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam".

Cognizant of the Islamic values' comprehensive and integrated charter in terms of human rights, and the high standing of Man in Islam, as God's vicegerent on earth, and hence the prime value which Islamic thought accords to the consolidation, promotion and observance of human rights,

Also recalling the resolutions issued by the UN Commission on Human Rights, and the Human Rights Council, under the title of "Defamation of Religions" which expressed deep concern over the adverse stereotyping of religions and the repeated erroneous amalgam between Islam and violations of human rights or terrorism, as well as deep concern over the spaces dedicated by the

print, audio and visual and electronic media to incite violence and hatred against foreigners, with the consequent drift towards intolerance and segregation vis-à-vis Islam and other religions,

Reaffirming the universal, objective and non-selective character of all human rights, and also the importance of consolidating and protecting these rights through cooperation and consensus rather than through a confrontational approach and attempts to impose divisive, alien and incohesive values,

Expressing deep concern over the attempts made by some to capitalize on the issue of human rights in order to cause prejudice to the Islam Sharia's principles and tenets and to interfere in the affairs of Islamic States,

Having taken note of the Secretary General's report on the matter as submitted under document no.OIC/CFM-42/2015/LEG/SG.REP.1:

1. **Affirms** that human rights are of a universal character and must be perceived within the framework of a dynamic non-static process for the evolvement of international standards with due consideration to national and regional specificities and to the diverse historic, cultural, and religious backgrounds.
2. **Stresses** the need for the international community to tackle the issue of human rights objectively and from the perspective that these rights are indivisible and inclusive of all states on a non-selective and non-discriminatory basis.
3. **Calls for** human rights to be perceived in a comprehensive manner and from all their religious, political, social, economic and cultural aspects, within a framework of international cooperation and solidarity.
4. **Reaffirms** the right for states to uphold their religious, social and cultural specificities which represent legacies and intellectual underpinnings that in turn contribute to enriching common world concepts of human rights.
5. **Urges** all not to use the universality of human rights as a pretext to interfere in the internal affairs of other states and to impinge on their sovereignty.
6. **Recalls** the right for states to voice their reservations, when necessary, as to any international covenants, conventions or agreements which they join, inasmuch as such a right forms a sovereignty right.

7. **Expresses** once again, its deep concern over the chronic erroneous amalgam between Islam and human rights violations, and the way certain print, audio and visual media have been capitalizing on these misconceptions to encourage hostility and segregation against Muslims. The Council calls upon the Member States to undertake mediatic action to counter these moves.
8. **Notes** with deep concern the increasing spread in the western countries of Islamophobic measures, **insists** on the responsibility of the states concerned in ensuring full respect for Islam and all other heavenly religions, and on the inadmissibility of using the notion of freedom of expression and freedom of the press as a pretext to defame religions, and **calls on** all to refrain from imposing constraints, in any form, on cultural and religious rights and freedoms.
9. **Denounces** the media campaigns and the fallacious claims mooted by certain quarters in a number of non-OIC Member States as to the treatment of non-Muslim minorities and communities in the OIC Member States, under such tags as the freedom of religion.
10. **Expresses** the need to follow a priority-level common policy aimed at banning the defamation of Islam under the pretext of freedom of expression, particularly through the media outlets and the internet.
11. **Commends** the valuable efforts of the Secretary General during his visit to Geneva in March 2015, his forthright speech at the 28th Session of the Human Rights Council as well as his intensive consultations with OIC Ambassadors and senior officials of International Organizations regarding human rights and the valuable contribution of the OIC Open-ended Working Group on Human Rights and Humanitarian Issues at the United Nations Offices in Geneva and New York, geared at safeguarding the interests of Islamic countries in the field of human rights; and urges OIC Member States to consider the possibility of establishing regional arrangements in the field of human rights in Islam to boost their regional cooperation in this regard;
12. **Welcomes** the adoption of the “Human Rights Declaration” by the Supreme Council of GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council), which is a manifestation of these countries’ commitment to pursue human rights in each setting and at all levels. Taking the lead from this forward looking document, request OIC IPHRC to review OIC Human Rights Declaration against existing universal human rights instruments and make suggestions for its improvement, if and where necessary.

13. **Expresses** its deep concern over any activities that may be undertaken by governmental and non-governmental organizations that are put to use by certain governments to target the OIC Member States for political designs and to achieve the objectives of their external policies in international fora.
14. **Urges** all Member States to adopt, in accordance of their national legislations and in harmony with the instruments of universal human rights, every appropriate measure to promote mutual understanding, tolerance and mutual respect in matters relevant to freedom of religion and belief.
15. **Invites** the Member States to keep up their effective mutual cooperation and coordination in the area of human rights, particularly at the level of the concerned international fora, with a view to enhance Islamic solidarity in the face of any initiatives susceptible to result in human rights being used as a leverage to exercise political pressure on any Member State.
16. **Decides** that the General Secretariat and the Member State shall continue their mission work at the relevant international fora, particularly at the UN headquarters in New York and Geneva, and to convene timely meetings to consider and deliberate human rights issues with a view to adopt a unified stand in the face of any campaigns or draft resolutions targeting OIC Member States in relevant international fora.
17. **Invites** the Member States, once again, to participate in the programs of King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud's International Centre for Interfaith Dialogue which was established in Vienna by the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in cooperation with the republic of Austria and the Kingdom of Spain to advance interfaith and inter-civilizational dialogue.
18. **Also invites** the Member States to partake in the UN Alliance of Civilizations under the co-chairmanship of the Republic of Turkey and the Kingdom of Spain.
19. **Requests** the Member States, once again, to sign and ratify the covenant on Child Rights in Islam as soon as possible.
20. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.2/42-LEG
ON
ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM WITHIN THE OIC
FRAMEWORK TO LIMIT THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE COERCIVE
MEASURES UNILATERALLY IMPOSED ON CERTAIN MEMBER STATES, IN THE
AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND PUBLIC LIBERTIES

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Guided by goals and objectives of the OIC Charter, particularly those calling for an enhanced Islamic Solidarity among the Member States, appropriate measures to consolidate international peace and security on the basis of justice and respect for the sovereignty and independence of each Member State, and achieving coordination and cooperation in addressing the Islamic Ummah's economic, social, cultural and humanitarian problems and promoting respect for the human rights.

Recalling the relevant OIC resolutions and expressing its deep concern over the adverse effects of the economic and financial sanctions on economic cooperation, on the freedom of trade, on capital flow at both the regional and international levels, and on the full enjoyment of human rights.

Reaffirming that the human cost of sanctions give reason for real concern and that the deprivation meted upon the civilian population under the sanctions regime, constitute a violation of human rights including the economic and social ones.

Deeply concerned over the imposition of economic and financial sanctions on certain Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) with all the entailed negative effects on those countries' social, humanitarian, developmental, and economic activities, and the consequent additional obstacles placed in the way of peoples and individuals there fully enjoying their human rights.

Having taken cognizance of the Secretary General's report as submitted under document no.OIC/CFM-42/2015/LEG/SG.REP.2

Decides as follows:

1. **Condemns** the continued imposition by certain powers of economic sanctions as representing a means of exercising political and economic pressure on some Islamic

States with the objective of denying them the right to free decision as to their political, economic and social systems.

2. **Expresses its** full rejection of the coercive measures imposed on certain Member States particularly in the area of human rights and public freedoms in view of their negative effects on the civilian population, and **underlines** that the exercise of such sanctions must be subject to the principles of international law and the provisions of the UN Charter.
3. **Welcomes** the Human Rights Council's decision of 26 September 2014 on designating a special rapporteur to assess and monitor the negative effects of the unilateral coercive measures on the exercise of human rights, and evolving an international mechanism to counter those effects.
4. **Invites** the OIC Permanent Human Rights Commission to convene a meeting of experts from the Member States to work out an Islamic mechanism to alleviate the negative effects of these measures and report to the Council at its next meeting on achieved progress in this respect.
5. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.3/42.LEG.
ON
SIGNATURES / RATIFICATIONS OF (ACCESSION TO) THE CHARTER AND
AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED WITHIN THE OIC FRAMEWORK

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Having taken cognizance of the current situation as to the signing of agreements concluded within the OIC Framework,

Noting the non-attainment, as yet, of the legally required number of ratifications for some of these agreements to enter in force, and the importance of an early action to that effect such as to enhance the OIC's role and expand the areas of cooperation among the Member States.

Taking note of the Secretary General's report submitted under document no.OIC/CFM-42/2015/LEG/SG.REP.3.

1. **Urges** the Member States, once again, to see to the early signing and ratification of (accession to) the Charter and the various agreements concluded within the OIC framework.
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
