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## Resolution No. 1/43-POL on the Situation in Somalia

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016)*

**Having considered** all previous resolutions adopted by Islamic summits and the various sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers on the situation in Somalia declares as follows;

1. **Welcomes** the efforts deployed by H. E. President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud in a bid to impose the authority of the State in most regions that used to lie outside the authority of the State and **commends** the creation of the Federating States in line with the **constitution** and the objectives of Vision 2016;
2. **Affirms** its support for the newly formed Somali government under the leadership of H.E. Omar Abdulrashid Ali Sharma'arke and invites the international community to engage with it based on the principles of equality and mutual respect among States, without going through international and regional bodies and organizations;
3. **Welcomes** the progress achieved by the Somali leadership on the election model of the Federal Parliamentary and Presidential Elections in August and September 2016 respectively, and reiterates the importance of delivering timely assistance to the Federal Government of Somalia in order to implement the elections on time.
4. **Reaffirms** its commitment to respecting the territorial integrity, sovereignty and unity of the Federal Republic of Somalia;
5. **Appeals** to the UN Security Council to lift the arms embargo to support the Somali National Army to safeguard the current security gains; and **commends** the initiative of the Arab Republic of Egypt by providing arms and equipments to the Somali Special Forces.
6. **Appeals** to the international community to accelerate the provision of financial and logistical support to the Somali Security Forces;
7. Calls on all Member States which have not opened embassies to accelerate the opening of their embassies in Mogadishu in order to improve bilateral relations between them and the Federal Republic of Somalia; **welcomes** the recently opening of the Turkish Embassy Compound and the UAE Embassy in Mogadishu.
8. **Commends** the activities of the OIC Humanitarian Affairs Office in Mogadishu, and calls for the work of the Office to be strengthened throughout Somalia, especially in the east and north of the country in order to strengthen Somalia's unity and territorial

- cohesion. **Also commends** the transformation of OIC Humanitarian Assistance Coordination Office in Mogadishu to a Development Office and **calls for** the work of the Office to be strengthened throughout Somalia;
9. **Condemns** all terrorist acts perpetrated by the terrorist Group Al-Shabab and others in Somalia and the surrounding regions against innocent civilians;
  10. **Expresses the appreciation** of the Somali Federal Government to the State that participated in transporting and treating the injured in their countries, namely Turkey, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and the State of Qatar;
  11. **Requests** Member States, Red Crescent societies and charitable associations to continue to provide humanitarian assistance to those who are still affected by drought and famine in Somalia, as well as the Somali refugees returning from the ongoing conflict in Yemen;
  12. **Commends** the role played by the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), and its cooperation with Somali forces to enhance the security situation in the country; **it also commends** in this regard the role of Uganda and Djibouti, OIC member states contributing troops in AMISOM.
  13. **Acclaims** the historic visit undertaken to Somalia on 5 December 2014 by H.E. Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, and his accompanying delegation; emphasizes the significance of this historic visit for the enhancement of cooperation between the Federal Somali Government and the State of Kuwait; Calls for direct financial support to the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia and its strengthening institutions, and in this regard, commends Turkey's budgetary support to the Federal Government of Somalia;
  14. **Commends** the kind acceptance of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait, may Allah protect him, to host an international conference to support Education in Somalia, as announced by His Highness at the opening session of the 27<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States held at the Summit level in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on 20-21 Shawal 1437 A.H., corresponding to 25-26 July 2016.
  15. **Also Acclaims** the third visit of H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of Turkey, to Mogadishu on 3 June 2016 and emphasizes the significance of this visit for enhancement of cooperation between Federal Republic of Somalia Government and Republic of Turkey and also encourages the other countries and international organizations for high level visits to further assist Somalia;
  16. **Calls upon** the General Secretariat to seriously undertake the holding of a conference on intellectual security and combating extremism in Somalia this year;

17. **Encourages** the Secretary General to visit Somalia and calls upon him to continue his personal efforts to support Somalia in achieving its crucial development goals;
18. **Calls upon** the OIC contact Group to hold their next meeting in Somalia to be chaired by the State of Qatar to witness the progress of the nation and its people;
19. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of the resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 2/43-POL on the Situation in Afghanistan**

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**Recalling** the principled stand adopted by the Islamic Conference in its resolutions on Afghanistan since January 1980 which call for its strong commitment the sovereignty, independence, national unity and territorial integrity of Afghanistan,

**Welcoming** the achievements made since the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in 2002 and the ongoing democratic process in the country,

**Reiterating** the extreme importance of helping Afghanistan towards sustainable development, rehabilitation and reconstruction, the elimination of all threats, which still pose tremendous challenges for Afghanistan's stability, and regional security,

**Appreciating** the effort by Member States, the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation and the OIC Trust Fund, calls for an effective partnership with Afghanistan in the process of rehabilitation and development in the country,

**Welcoming** all efforts to increase regional economic cooperation including through ECO, RECCA, CAREC, SAARC, and other forums and programs,

**Welcoming** the 5th Ministerial Conference of Istanbul Process- the Heart of Asia which was held in Islamabad on 09 December 2015 in which Afghanistan and its regional partners with the support of the international community, affirmed their commitment to promoting regional security and cooperation as well as stressing the importance of proactively assuming and implementing the prioritized activities within the confidence-building measures implementation plans,

**Welcoming** Afghanistan's willingness and determination to use its regional and historical position to promote security, stability, and peaceful economic cooperation in the region,

**Calling upon** the International Community to extend its full support for the implementation of the Afghanistan Compact adopted at the London Conference and reaffirmed at the Kabul and Bonn Conferences to fulfill expeditiously its financial commitments announced during all previous International Donor Conferences for the Reconstruction of Afghanistan, including the recent International Tokyo Conference on Afghanistan, held on the 8th of July, 2012 and the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan, from 4-5 October 2016, under the name of Partnership for Prosperity and Peace at which the international community reaffirmed its sustained support for Afghanistan's sustainable growth and development, during Decade of Transformation,

**Supporting** efforts by the international donor community, including members of OIC, geared toward ensuring the successful implementation of the Afghanistan Strategic

Policy Priorities and five new national programs presented to the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan, 4-5 October 2016,

**Taking into consideration** the current phase, mainly involving the reconstruction process and necessity for building human capacity, calls for complete coordination between political and developmental action, as can be noted in the activities of the international organizations active in Afghanistan,

**Welcoming** the formation of the national unity government that raised the hope for strengthening national solidarity and consensus among Afghans to achieve peace, stability and economic progress for Afghanistan and beyond,

**Reiterating** its full support to the Afghan people and government and expressing its readiness to extend all necessary assistance to the Afghans,

**Taking note** of the Report of the Secretary General on the Situation in Afghanistan,

**Reaffirming** its strong support for the Afghanistan National Unity Government established following the Presidential election of 2014, and urged the OIC Member States and International Community to continue their assistance and support to the people and Government of Afghanistan, their efforts to fight terrorism, counter the drug trafficking, achieve security, stability, as well as comprehensive and sustainable development.

1. **Expresses** its solidarity with and full support to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in its efforts to bring peace, security and economic progress for the people of this country, during transition period up to 2014 and transformation decade from 2015 to 2024;
2. **Strongly supports** the Afghan national unity government and all its initiatives for bringing peace, stability and development to Afghanistan;
3. **Calls upon** all OIC Member States and its institutions to spare no efforts in helping the Afghan national unity government at this crucial time, considering that the success of the government will give high hope to peace and economic prosperity for the country; requests Member States of the OIC and its institutions to inform the Secretary General of all their support and assistance to the national unity government, to be presented to the next CFM;
4. **Urges** the Member States and the International Community to continue their vigorous support and assistance to the government of Afghanistan and its struggle against terrorism;
5. **Calls** on Member States and the international community to support the Afghan led and Afghan owned inclusive peace and reconciliation process to reach a political solution that is based on the principals of renunciation of violence, cutting ties with all terrorists groups, preservation of Afghanistan's democratic achievements and respect for the Afghan Constitution which represents the

- legitimate interests of all afghans for a peaceful, stable and democratic Afghanistan. In this regard supports strongly the creation of the High Peace Council by the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan endorsed by the International Conference on Afghanistan, for the purpose of engaging all Afghans in peace-building initiative, and to co-opt those Afghan Taliban who renounce violence, into civilian life;
6. **Supports** strongly the establishment of the Quadrilateral Coordination Group comprising Afghanistan, Pakistan, United States and China in December 2015 aimed at facilitating an Afghan-owned and Afghan-led peace process in Afghanistan; acknowledges the importance of the QCG, mechanism through which the Roadmap was produced. This mechanism needs to deliver outcomes in order to achieve its results according to the agreed roadmap.
  7. **Stresses** the importance of a serious attention to the solution of acute social problems related to the impoverishment of the population and unemployment and calls on donor countries and international institutions to confirm their commitments to provide assistance to Afghanistan, aimed at effective improvement of socio-economic situation in the country and increase the standard of living of the population and, most importantly –in the sphere of education and enlightenment.
  8. **Supports** fully the outcome of all previous Conferences, including the International Tokyo Conference on Afghanistan, held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2012, where the international community renewed its commitments towards helping Afghanistan emerge as a secure, prosperous and democratic nation; also supports the London Conference on Afghanistan which was held on 4 December 2014 and the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan, from 4-5 October 2016, under the name of Partnership for Prosperity and Peace where the Afghan Government set out its vision for reform and the international community demonstrated enduring solidarity and support for Afghanistan;
  9. **Welcomes** the successful conclusion of the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan, 4-5 October 2016 with partnership between the Afghan Government and the International Community for peace and prosperity.
  10. **Appreciates** the renewed commitment by the international community to Afghanistan to step up its assistance so as to alleviate the pressing needs of the Afghan people and fulfill expeditiously its financial commitments announced at various International Donor Conferences for the Reconstruction of Afghanistan;
  11. **Requests** the Secretary General to look into the issue of revitalizing the OIC Assistance Fund for Afghan People in order to have better means and advantages in adopting and implementing humanitarian projects for the Afghan people;

12. **Also requests** the Secretary General to mobilize the efforts of OIC Member States as well as IDB, ISF and ISESCO in economic, humanitarian and educational fields, and report thereon to the next CFM.
13. **Appreciates** the generous donations of Member States to the OIC Assistance Fund for Afghanistan to have an effective and result oriented contribution for the development in Afghanistan and appeals to all Member States enhance the capacity of the Fund so it would have a visible effect in assisting the Afghan people;
14. **Expresses** its deep appreciation to countries, in particular the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting a large number of Afghan refugees and acknowledges the huge burden they have shouldered in this regard;
15. **Calls on** the international community and relevant UN agencies for the provision of enhanced assistance to the Afghan refugees and internally displaced persons to facilitate their voluntary, safe and dignified return and sustainable reintegration into the society of origin so as to contribute to the stability of Afghanistan;
16. **Recognizes** narcotic problem as global challenge which requires global partnership based on the principle of joint and shared responsibilities, **Calls upon** the international community and OIC Member States to increase its assistance to enhance the efforts of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to carry out its National Drug Control Strategy;
17. **Notes** with appreciation the achievements of the CARICC in combating trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, and encourages closer cooperation between the CARICC and the Joint Planning Cell of the Triangular Initiative;
18. **Invites** the OIC Member States to enhance coordination through existing regional mechanisms, in particular through the CARICC and JPC, in order to strengthen cross-border cooperation and information exchange with a view to countering trafficking in illicit drugs;
19. **Requests** the donor Member States and the Islamic Development Financial Institutions, foremost of which is the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), to provide financial assistance, facilities and other needed support to the CARICC, the Triangular Initiative and the UNODC Regional Program for Afghanistan and Neighboring Countries;
20. **Strongly condemns** the terrorist and criminal activities carried out by Taliban, AL-Qaeda and other extremist groups, including the rising trend of suicide attacks and urges all Member States and the International Community to extend support to the Government of Afghanistan in its fight against this devilish phenomenon, and encourages all Muslim scholars to unanimously and strongly condemn terrorism, through fatwas, preaching and holding international events;

21. **Welcomes** the convening of the Muslim Ulema Conference held in Kabul on 24 September 2013, and requests the Secretary General to continue his efforts towards an International Conference dealing with peace and security in Afghanistan; **also welcomes** the convening of the second International Ulema Conference on Peace and Security in Afghanistan, in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
22. **Highly appreciates** the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation for his continued efforts toward the stabilization and development process in Afghanistan;
23. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 3/43-POL on the Regional Initiatives in Support of Afghanistan**

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**Recalling** the United Nations Security Council Resolutions upholding the security, stability and prosperity of Afghanistan,

**Recalling** the resolutions of the Islamic Conference on Afghanistan emphasizing the need for underpinning the sovereignty, independence, national unity and territorial integrity of Afghanistan,

**Recognizing** that lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan can only be assured through a comprehensive approach that includes security, development, governance and reconciliation,

**Recalling** the outcomes of the Kabul International Conference held on 20 July 2010 providing a sound basis for the comprehensive strategy that should be taken forward by greater Afghan ownership with increased regional cooperation and effective international partnership,

**Welcoming** various mechanisms and initiatives contributing to enhanced cooperation between Afghanistan and its neighbors and convinced that each of them brings added value,

**Stresses** the crucial role of advancing constructive regional cooperation in promoting peace, security, stability and economic and social development in Afghanistan and in region,

**Commending** Afghanistan Government's willingness and determination to encourage security, stability and peaceful economic cooperation in the region,

**Welcoming** the Istanbul Conference on Afghanistan held in Istanbul on 2 November 2011, and the subsequent Istanbul-Process 'Heart of Asia' Ministerial Conference held in Kabul on 14 June 2012, on Almaty on 26 April 2013, in Beijing on 31 October 2014 and lastly in Islamabad on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015;; expressing its support to all efforts to increase regional economic cooperation aimed at exploring regional potentials for the welfare, stability and development of Afghanistan and the whole region,

**Supporting** the agreed confidence building measures (CBMs) for promoting regional security and cooperation among the hearth of Asia countries,

**Appreciating** active contribution of OIC to the regional initiatives on Afghanistan, from Istanbul to Bonn, Dushanbe, Abu Dhabi, Kabul and Tokyo, where important gatherings on Afghanistan were held during the last 12 months,

**Underscoring** the role of Member States in enhancing cooperation between Afghanistan and its neighbors as an effective means to ensure lasting peace, stability and prosperity in Afghanistan,

**Welcoming** and encouraging further efforts by the Government of Afghanistan and its neighboring partners to increasing cooperation against the Taliban, Al-Qaida and other extremist and criminal groups and in promoting peace and prosperity in Afghanistan, in the region and beyond,

1. **Encourages** the Member States to support the initiatives aimed at enhancing cooperation between Afghanistan and its neighbors;
2. **Emphasizes** that terrorism and violent extremism are common threats to the region; and emphasizing the need for joint and concerted efforts and cooperation among the regional countries to address the challenge of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations; encourages Member States of the region to consider the possibility of implementing the United Nations

General Assembly Resolution No. A/Res/68/127 entitled “A World against Violence and Violent Extremism” as a basis for their joint efforts in this regard;

3. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to continue to represent the OIC, upon invitation, at the initiatives in support of regional cooperation focusing on Afghanistan and report thereon.

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## Resolution No. 4/43-POL on the Situation in Syria

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016)*

1. **Emphasizes** its principled position on the need to preserve the unity, sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and social harmony of Syria, recalls its resolution No. 4/41-POL on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and welcomes the United Nations Security Council Resolutions No. 2254 of 18 December 2015, No. 2258 of 22 December 2015 and No. 2118 of 27 September 2013 as well as UN General Assembly resolutions of 18 December 2014 and 15 May 2013 on the situation in Syria, and the Summit Declaration of the Twenty-Fifth session of the League of the Arab States in Kuwait on 26 March 2014;
2. **Recalls** the concluding documents of the meetings of the Group of Friends of the Syrian People, in particular the declaration agreed upon at the fourth Ministerial Meeting, held in Marrakech, Morocco, on 12 December 2012, in which the participants recognized the National Coalition for Syrian Revolutionary and Opposition Forces as the legitimate representative of the Syrian people;
3. **Condemns**, in the strongest terms, the attacks by the regime and Foreign militia as well as Al-Qaeda, DAESH and Al-Nusra terrorist organizations against the people of Syria through aerial attacks and the use of heavy weapons including barrel bombs, chemicals and ballistic missiles which resulted in thousands of casualties, also deplors the “starvation until submission” strategy applied by the regime throughout the country which deprives hundreds of thousands of people of basic requirements such as food, water and medicine and **could** constitutes a war crime and a crime against humanity, urgently calls upon the regime also to stop its violent campaigns against the cultural heritage of Syria and show respect for Islamic values, reiterates the right of the Syrian people to self-defense in the face of such atrocities and committed to support the people of Syria for the realization of their legitimate aspirations;
4. **Appalled by** the continued widespread and systematic gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including war crimes by the Syrian authorities and regime-affiliated local and foreign militias while urges immediate withdrawal of all foreign militias from the Syrian territory;
5. **Outraged by** the rapidly increasing death toll of at least 400,000 and more than 4.5 million refugees and millions of internally displaced persons and reiterates its appreciation to the neighboring countries notably Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey **and other States** for generously hosting Syrian refugees; as well as for the efforts of other sisterly and friendly states in providing shelter and support to Syrian refugees;

6. Reaffirms their support for a political settlement of the conflict based on the Geneva Communiqué which aims at the formation, by mutual consent, of a transitional governing body with full executive powers, including control over security, intelligence and military apparatuses; **emphasizes** that the current Geneva talks should produce a political transition based on the Geneva Communiqué and UNSC Resolution 2254.
7. **Applauds** the decision taken by the Syrian National Coalition to participate in International Conference on Syria and constructive approach they adopted during the negotiations in Geneva; The Higher Negotiation Council for its engagement in the political process to negotiate with the regime for a political transition.
8. **Strongly underlines** the fact that first two rounds of the negotiations did not produce a concrete outcome as a result of the intransigent attitude of the regime and urges all concerned parties to put adequate pressure on the regime to engage constructively for democratic transition in the country; **calls on** the ISSG and Special Representative De Mistura to focus on the political transition issue during the current round of talks and to get the regime to negotiate in the good faith to achieve this objective.
9. **Supports** to revitalize the political process under the auspices of the UN, with a view to implementing a Syrian-led and Syrian owned political transition that would allow building a new Syrian State based on a pluralist, democratic and civilian system where the principles of equality before the law, rule of law and respect for human rights prevail;
10. **Rejects** any claim for legitimacy of the elections held in the midst of a conflict as a result of unilateral decision by Assad who the United Nations considers to have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity, **highlights** that these elections were held only in regime-controlled areas, and with millions of Syrians disenfranchised, displaced from their homes, or in refugee camps; announces that any so called presidential election shall be entirely inconsistent with the Geneva Communiqué's call for the establishment of a transitional governing body to oversee constitutional reforms leading to free and fair elections in a neutral environment and thus to the political process;
11. **Welcomes** UNSC Resolutions 2254 and 2258 which once again call for unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance to Syrian civilians, condemns strongly the failure of the Syrian regime to implement the resolution, calls on the international community to act urgently to deliver humanitarian assistance to civilians and affected areas in Syria, including trans-border operations in order to reach areas in need of urgent humanitarian assistance;
12. **Condemns** the gross and systematic violations of human rights, international humanitarian law and despicable terrorist crimes perpetrated by terrorist organizations especially by DAESH and Al-Nusra Front in Syria. It affirmed the need to isolate and separate terrorist organization on the field, in accordance with the relevant resolution of the Security Council.

13. **Affirms** its strong commitment to secure humanitarian assistance for the Syrian people and calls upon all member States and relevant international actors to further enhance their contributions based on burden-sharing principles in view of the growing numbers of Syrian refugees in neighboring countries; lauds the Government of the State of Kuwait for hosting the First, Second, and Third International Pledging Humanitarian Conferences for Syria; it also commended the effective participation of the State of Kuwait in chairing the 4th donor conference held recently in the British capital, London, on 4th February 2016 in partnership with United Kingdom, the Republic of Germany, Kingdom of Norway, and United Nations in response to the serious humanitarian crisis facing the innocent brotherly Syrians.
14. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 5/43-POL on the Situation in the State of Libya**

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**Following** with great interest the political developments on rebuilding the Libyan state on the democratic foundation, after the Libyan people had become free from long year of totalitarian and despotic system of government,

**Referring** to its previous resolutions on supporting the building process, political stability in a united, secure and stable Libya,

**Having** considered the report of the Secretary General on political issues, including the **current** situation in Libya, submitted to this session,

1. **Calls** for support and backing for the legitimacy in Libya in the efforts to build state institutions;
2. **Stresses** the importance of sound democratic transition and the adoption of a new constitution that guarantees freedoms, the rule of law, smooth transfer of power through full participation of all the Libyan people and the building of a new democratic Libya;
3. **Recalling** UN and the international community's support to the Government of National Accord in accordance with the Skhirat Agreement and calls on OIC Member States to cooperate with the Libyan authorities and communicate with them to build and promote their capacities in line with Libyan priorities and to respond to the assistance requests made by them".
4. **Welcomes** the continued efforts exerted by Libyan neighboring states and other OIC Member States for the promotion of a sustainable peaceful political settlement by supporting and engaging all Libyan stakeholders".
5. **Strongly condemns** terrorist acts carried out in Libya, drugs trade and weapons proliferation and flows.
6. **Underlines** non-intervention in Libya's internal affairs and ensuring its sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.
7. **Calls** for the provision of necessary support to Libya in protecting its borders against illegal emigration, terrorist gangs, drugs and weapons proliferation and spill over;

8. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of resolution and to submit a report to that effect to the 44th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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### **Draft Resolution No. 6/43-POL on the Situation in Mali and the Sahel Region**

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**Recalling** the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, particularly with regard to the preservation of the Member States' national unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity,

**Expressing** deep concern over the developments of the situation in Mali and the Sahel region, as well as over the escalating affliction of transnational organized criminality, particularly the terrorist acts, and the arms, drugs and human trafficking, which pose a threat to the stability, peace and socio-economic development of the Sahel region in general and Mali in particular;

**Recalling** Resolution 1/41-TYPOA adopted by the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Jeddah on 18-19 June 2014) on "The Status of Implementation of the Ten-Year Programme of Action" which invites Member States to cooperate in combating terrorism in its forms and manifestations, organized crime, illicit drug trafficking, corruption, money laundering and human trafficking;

**Recalling** the final communiqué of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 14-15 August 2012 (26-27 Ramadan 1433H) concerning the situation in Mali and the Sahel region,

**Recalling** the special declaration on Mali adopted by the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Cairo, Republic of Egypt, on 6 and 7 February 2013 (25-26 Rabie-Al-Awwal 1434 H., establishing the Contact Group at the ministerial level, to follow the developments of the situation in Mali closely;

1. **Welcomes** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's constant positions in support of African and Islamic causes to contribute to the establishment of peace, stability and development in the countries concerned.
2. **Reiterates** its principled position and its firm support for the preservation of the territorial integrity, sovereignty, unity and Republican, Secular and democratic character of the Malian state.

3. **Reaffirms** full solidarity with the Government of the Republic of Mali and **invites** all the Member States to extend to it every necessary assistance to help it achieve its objectives.
4. **Welcomes** the initialing on 15<sup>th</sup> May and 20 June 2015 in Bamako of the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement in Mali which crowns the negotiations efforts that was held in Algiers (Algeria) from the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015, and which offers an opportunity to restore peace and security and bring about a real national reconciliation, reestablish social cohesion, reaffirm national unity and place Mali on the right trajectory of growth and sustainable development.
5. **Welcomes** the creation in November 2013 of the Ministerial Coordination platform of the United Nations Integrated Strategy for the Sahel, and the Sahel G5 in December 2015.
6. **Congratulates** all the International Mediation Team, and all the countries, which contributed to the successful conclusion of the Algiers Peace Process.
7. **Condemns** strongly the escalation of terrorist attacks against Malian defense and security forces, international forces serving in northern Mali, and against civil populations; and calls for the establishment of rapid-reaction forces within the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) in order to root out terrorism and every form of organized criminality in Mali and in Sahel region.
8. **Invites** all OIC Member States to join this stabilization mission and to provide it with the logistical and financial support necessary for the accomplishment of its mission.
9. **Invites** Member States to extend an urgent financial aid and sustained development assistance to Mali, including through the establishment of a Special Fund on a voluntary basis in order to consolidate peace, security, stability and socio-economic development in the country.
10. **Invites** Member States to honor the commitments made during the International Donors Conference for the Development of Mali held on 15 May 2013 in Brussels (Belgium), and the international conference on the economic recovery and development of Mali held in Paris (France) on 22 October 2015.
11. **Strongly condemns** the destruction by terrorist groups of sites classified by the UNESCO as cultural world heritage, particularly in Timbuktu, and calls upon the ISESCO to continue the ongoing efforts in order to rehabilitate and preserve this heritage, in line with the Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the event of Armed Conflict.
12. **Expresses** deep concern over the humanitarian situation in Mali and the Sahel region in general and mandates the General Secretariat to take every appropriate

measure to mobilize the necessary resources to help stem the difficulties faced by the hundreds of thousands of refugees and displaced persons in Mali and in the neighboring countries.

13. **Urges** recognized international humanitarian organization to extend the needed humanitarian assistance to alleviate the suffering of millions of refugees and displaced persons in Mali and the Sahel region.
14. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General, in light of the signing of the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement in Mali, to expedite the implementation of the projects selected in the framework of the financial contributions announced by some Member States, in response to the calls for support launched for Mali.
15. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat for organizing regular meetings of the OIC Contact Group on Mali at the ministerial level.
16. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 7/43-POL**  
**on the Situation in Central African Republic**

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**Referring** to the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the OIC 2025 Programme of Action which call for peace, solidarity and fraternity among member states;

**Commending** the efforts exerted by the neighboring countries, countries in the sub-region, the African Union, MINUSCA and other partners of the Central African Republic;

**Also commending** the overall endeavors of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation including its Special Envoy since the outbreak of the crisis in Central Africa;

**Recognizing** the efforts of the Government of the Transition which led to the successful conclusion of the political transition in the Central African Republic and the restoration of democratic institutions in the country including the election on 14 February 2016 of President Faustin Archange Touadera and the National Assembly,

**Appreciating** OIC's important role through its humanitarian assistance of different forms extended to refugees, Internally Displaced Persons not forgetting the intervention of certain OIC Member States, either directly or indirectly through different NGOs;

1. **Encourages** the new elected authorities and all the various components of the nation to continue to exert efforts for the restoration of durable peace, unity and social cohesion in the Central African Republic and to accelerate the DDR process.
2. **Invites** all OIC Member States to remain engaged and continue to provide full political, financial, material and technical support to the elected authorities for the long term and sustainable development and peace building in the country;
3. **Requests** all Member States and OIC Institutions to continue to contribute in alleviating the suffering of IDPs and refugees in neighboring countries and invites the General Secretariat to coordinate humanitarian assistance provided by OIC member states;
4. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and report thereon to the 44th session of the Council of Foreign

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## **Resolution No. 8/43-POL on the Jammu and Kashmir Dispute**

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**Reaffirming** the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the UN Charter regarding the sanctity of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and recalling the numerous unimplemented UN Security Council resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir dispute which declare that the final disposition of the state of Jammu and Kashmir will be made in accordance with the will of the people to join India or Pakistan expressed through the democratic method of a free and impartial plebiscite conducted under the auspices of the United Nations;

**Recalling** the Special Declarations on Jammu and Kashmir adopted by the 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conference and the Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summits held in Casablanca in 1994 and Islamabad in 1997 and all previous OIC resolutions on the Jammu and Kashmir dispute and Joint Communiqué as well as the reports of the Ministerial and Summit Meetings of the OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir and endorsing the recommendations contained therein,

**Reaffirming** the unwavering support expressed for the Kashmiri people in their just cause in the Joint Communiqué of the 13<sup>th</sup> OIC Summit;

**Stressing** that Jammu and Kashmir is the core dispute between Pakistan and India and its resolution is an indispensable for realization of the dream for peace in South Asia,

**Expressing deep** concern at the alarming increase in the indiscriminate use of force and atrocious human rights violations committed by the India security forces in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOK),

**Condemning** in strongest possible terms the unabated killing and brutality let loose in IOK by India Security Forces in the aftermath of the killing of immensely popular armed resistance leader Burhan Wani in which dozens of civilians were killed and hundreds injured for mourning and protesting at the death of their beloved leader and expressing shock at the deadly silence of world community at the mass killings;

**Noting** the hugely attended funeral procession of Burhan Wani and demonstrations despite curfew restrictions as referendum against India;

**Condemning** the illegal police detention of Handwara minor girl for 27 days when instead of initiating inquiry against Army officials accused of sexually molesting the girl, Indian authorities used all means to force the girl into changing her statement and brutally killed five civilians for protesting for the release of the minor girl;

**Further condemning** the killing of Sheikh Tanveer Sultan who was shot dead on 13 June 2016 by Indian police in a fake encounter while traveling in a passenger bus;

**Expressing** deep shock at the discovery of more than 6000 unmarked mass graves in IOK and apathy of the Indian Government which is still unmoved by this great human tragedy;

**Strongly condemning** prolonged detentions of Kashmiri leaders by India and violations of freedom of movement and expression and noting with concern that prolonged detentions are taking heavy toll on the health of Kashmiri leaders;

**Further condemning** the wide-spread practice of harassment of Kashmiri students in Indian institutions for showing support to Pakistan;

**Rejecting** the Indian attempts to malign the legitimate Kashmiri freedom struggle by denigrating it as terrorism and expressing support to the wide-spread indigenous movement in IOK for realization of their right to self-determination;

**Taking note** of huge gatherings at the funerals of armed fighters and demonstrations in their favour as a manifestation of wide-spread public support to the armed struggle in IOK;

**Paying rich tribute** to the valiant people of IOK for waging a heroic struggle for their inalienable right to self-determination;

**Rejecting** the Sham and farcical elections held in IOK under the duress of 700,000 Indian security forces as a substitute to free and impartial plebiscite held under the UN auspices which are rejected by the UN Security Council Resolutions 91 of 1951 and 122 of 1957;

**Expressing** deep concern at Indian attempts to bring demographic changes in IOK and converting the Muslim majority of the State into minority by settling non-Muslim non-State subjects like West Pakistan Refugees and establishing Sainik colonies;

**Denouncing** Indian attempts to disturb the religious harmony of IOK by establishing separate colonies for Pandits who are always welcomed by Kashmiris to return to their ancestral lands;

**Taking note** of the Memorandum presented by the True Representatives of the people of Jammu and Kashmir;

**Encouraging and expressing** the hope that both Pakistan and India resume the dialogue process for peacefully resolving their all outstanding issues, particularly the core dispute of Jammu and Kashmir;

**Acknowledging** that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are the party principle to the dispute and should be included in Pakistan-India dialogue process;

**Welcoming** the establishment of a standing mechanism by the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) for monitoring the human rights situation in the Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir; and adoption of its working modalities /operating methods during the 6th and 8th Regular Sessions of OIC-IPHRC in pursuance of Resolutions 1/40-POL, 8/41-POL and 8/42-POL adopted by the Council of Foreign Ministers at the 40th, 41st and 42nd Sessions, respectively.

**Regretting** that India is not allowing OIC fact finding Mission to visit IOK or responded favorably to the offers of the Good Offices Mission by the OIC;

**Taking note** of the personal support of the OIC Secretary General for the Kashmir cause and his efforts for the peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute;

**Expressing** support for the work of the OIC Secretary General's Special Representative on Jammu and Kashmir who recently led a high-level OIC delegation on a successful visit to Pakistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir;

1. **Calls upon** India to implement numerous UN Security Council resolutions on Kashmir which declare that the final disposition of the State of Jammu and Kashmir will be made in accordance with the will of the people, to join India or Pakistan, expressed through the democratic method of a free and impartial plebiscite conducted under the auspices of the United Nations.
2. **Reminds** the international community of its obligations to ensure the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions on Kashmir and fulfill the promises made by it with the people of Jammu and Kashmir.
3. **Calls upon** the international community to break its deadly silence over continuous atrocious human rights violations against civilians in IOK and take notice of excessive use of force against civilians in the aftermath of killing of Burhan Wani, in which Indian forces fired at the protesters above waist and implemented a policy of 'shoot to kill' which resulted in dozens of deaths and many hundreds injured.
4. **Urges** India to stop forthwith the gross human rights violations in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and allow international human rights groups access to IOK.
5. **Calls upon** India to respect the rights of freedom of movement and expression of Kashmiri leaders and release all political prisoners forthwith

particularly Syed Ali Shah Geelani whose health has significantly deteriorated due to prolonged detention.

6. **Urges** India not to change the religious make-up of the State by settling non-State subjects in IOK and respect the internationally recognized disputed status of the State and not bring any material changes there.
7. **Further urges** India not to implement the plans of disturbing religious harmony of IOK by establishing separate colonies for Pandits.
8. **Calls upon** India to conduct free and impartial inquiry into the discovery of 6,000 unmarked mass graves and bring the perpetrators to justice.
9. **Affirms** that any political process/elections held under foreign occupation cannot be a substitute to the exercise of the right of self-determination by people of Jammu and Kashmir as provided in the relevant Security Council Resolutions and reaffirmed in the Millennium Declaration of the UN General Assembly.
10. **Notes** with appreciation the recent efforts of the Governments of Pakistan and India to resume the dialogue process for resolution of all outstanding issues, particularly the core dispute of Jammu and Kashmir and hopes that the dialogue process starts soon.
11. **Calls for** the expeditious implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the OIC mission led by Amb. Abdullah Al-Alim, Secretary General's Special Representative on Jammu and Kashmir to Pakistan and Azad Kashmir in May 2016.
12. **Appeals** to the Member States, OIC and other Islamic Institutions, such as the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and philanthropists to mobilize funds and contribute generously toward providing humanitarian assistance to the Kashmiri people.
13. **Requests** the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity fund to provide the necessary financial resources to provide vocational training and higher education to Kashmiri refugees and entrusts the General Secretariat to submit appropriate proposals.
14. **Urges** the Government of India to allow OIC Special Representative on Jammu and Kashmir and the OIC Fact Finding Mission to visit the Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir for a neutral and impartial judgment of human rights situation there.
15. **Recommends** that Member States continue to coordinate their positions in international fora and **mandates** the OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir to meet regularly;

16. **Welcomes** the important briefings provided by the IPHRC Standing Mechanism on IOK to the OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir during the Islamic Summit and CFM on the human rights violations in IOK and requests it to continue this useful practice. **Also requests** the Standing Mechanism of the OIC IPHRC to submit its regular reports on the human rights situation in the IOK to the CFM at its subsequent sessions.
17. **Decides** to consider the Jammu and Kashmir Dispute at the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFM;
18. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 9/43-POL on the Peace Process between India and Pakistan**

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**Recalling** the OIC Summit and Ministerial Resolutions on the Security and Solidarity of Islamic States and the relevant OIC Declarations and Resolutions expressing solidarity with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and support for the just struggle of the Kashmiri people for their fundamental human rights, including the right of self-determination,

**Recognizing** the centrality of the issue of Jammu and Kashmir between Pakistan and India and the need for seeking a durable and just solution to the satisfaction of both Pakistan and India as well as the people of Jammu and Kashmir,

**Further recognizing** the need for early resumption of dialogue process between Pakistan and India, which is a prerequisite for development, peace and stability in South Asia,

1. **Strongly supports** the efforts of the Government of Pakistan for a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute and **urges** India to resume a meaningful, **unconditional** and sustained dialogue process with Pakistan to resolve all outstanding issues including the core issue of Jammu and Kashmir,
2. **Appreciates** the Joint Communiqué (dated December 09, 2015) between Pakistan and India to start the comprehensive bilateral dialogue on all outstanding issues including the Jammu and Kashmir dispute.
3. **Urges** the Government of India for engagement with Pakistan to finalize the modalities of the comprehensive bilateral dialogue.
4. **Welcomes** the meeting between the Foreign Secretaries of Pakistan and India held on April 26, 2016 in New Delhi on the sidelines of the Heart of Asia Meeting.
5. **Also welcomes** the signing, on 24 June 2016 at Shanghai Cooperation Organization's Summit in Tashkent, of Memorandums on the obligations, which means the beginning of the accession process of Pakistan and India to the SCO. And hopes that this process will promote strengthening of confidence between Pakistan and India, constructive and trustful dialogue to resolve all outstanding disputes, effective multifaceted cooperation, as well as making all efforts to strengthen security and stability in the regions of South and Central Asia.
6. **Supports** continuation of various confidence-building measures taken by both Pakistan and India including on peace and security, covering both conventional and non-conventional fields, the promotion of people-to people contacts, cultural exchanges and bilateral trade,
7. **Urges** the need for both sides to maintain peace and tranquility along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir,

8. **Further urges** Pakistan and India to maintain Kashmir related CBMs to promote interaction among the Kashmiri people and requests Pakistan and India to consider enhancing the role of UNMOGIP and other impartial observers along both sides of the LoC to further strengthen the existing CBMs as well as those related to the disputed area of Jammu and Kashmir;
9. **Calls on** India to resolve all disputes, including Jammu and Kashmir, Siachen, Sir Creek and river waters on the basis of international legality and past agreements;
10. **Calls upon** the international community including the United Nations to closely monitor the situation inside the Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir and counsel early resumption of the dialogue process between Pakistan and India;
11. **Requests** the Secretary General and the OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir to remain seized of the developments of the situation and to submit report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 10/43-POL on the Aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan**

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**Proceeding** from the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference,

**Gravely concerned** over the aggression by the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan which has resulted in the occupation of about 20 percent of the territory of Azerbaijan,

**Expressing** its profound concern over the continued occupation of a significant part of the territory of Azerbaijan and actions taken with a view of changing unilaterally the physical, demographic, economic, social and cultural character, as well as the institutional structure and status of those territories

**Expressing** its grave concern also over the destruction, plunder and appropriation of the public and private property in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, as well as illegal exploitation of the natural resources in those territories, illicit trade in such resources and products made out of these commodities,

**Concerned** about the loss, destruction, removal theft, pillage, illicit movement or misappropriation of cultural property in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan and acts of vandalism or damage directed against such property,

**Deeply distressed** over the plight of more than one million Azerbaijani displaced persons and refugees resulting from the Armenian aggression and over magnitude and severity of these humanitarian problems,

**Reaffirming** all previous relevant resolutions and, in particular, Resolution No. 10/11-P(IS), adopted by the Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 6-7 Rabiul Awwal, 1429H (13-14 March 2008),

**Urging** strict adherence to the Charter of the United Nations and full implementation of the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions,

**Taking note of** all diplomatic and other efforts towards the settlement of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan,

**Reaffirming** commitment by all Member States to respect the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan,

**Noting** also the destructive impact of the policy of aggression of the Republic of Armenia on the peace process within the OSCE framework,

**Taking note** of the Report of the Secretary General,

1. **Strongly condemns** the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan;
2. **Considers** the actions perpetrated by the Armenian forces against the civilian Azerbaijani population and other protected persons during the conflict as crimes against humanity and underscores in this regard that the perpetrators of such crimes must be held accountable;
3. **Strongly condemns** any acts of vandalism, looting and destruction of the archeological, cultural and religious monuments in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan;
4. **Strongly demands** the strict implementation of the United Nations Security Council resolutions 822(1993), 853(1993), 874(1993) and 884(1993), and the immediate, unconditional and complete withdrawal of the Armenian forces from the Nagorno-Karabakh region and other occupied Azerbaijani territories and strongly **urges** Armenia to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
5. **Express its concern** that Armenia has not yet implemented demands contained in the above stated UN Security Council resolutions;
6. **Calls on** the UN Security Council to recognize the existence of aggression against the Republic of Azerbaijan; to take the necessary steps under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations to ensure compliance with its resolutions; to condemn and reverse aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and decides to take coordinated action to this end within the United Nations;
7. **Urges** all states to refrain from providing any supplies of arms and military equipments to Armenia and not to allow the use of their territories for transit of such supplies, in order to deprive it of any opportunity to escalate the conflict and to continue the occupation of the Azerbaijani territories.
8. **Calls upon** Member States, as well as other members of the international community, to use such effective political and economic measures, as required in order to put an end to Armenian aggression and occupation of the Azerbaijani territories, including, inter alia, through refraining from economic activities in and investments to the Republic of Armenia as well as through limiting overall cooperation with the Republic of Armenia,

9. **Requests** Secretary General to elaborate and submit to the next OIC Council of Foreign Ministers the set of recommendations and proposals for additional joint and individual efforts of the OIC Member States aimed at urging Armenia to respect the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan, put an end to the occupation of the Azerbaijani territories and completely withdraw from the occupied Azerbaijani territories;
10. **Calls for** the earliest political settlement of the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict on the basis of sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of the internationally recognized borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in accordance with the generally accepted norms and principles of international law, the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and the OSCE documents and decisions;
11. **Decides** to instruct the Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations in New York, while voting in the UN General Assembly, to give full support to the issue of territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
12. **Urges** Armenia and all Member States of the OSCE Minsk Group to engage constructively in the ongoing OSCE peace process on the basis of the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council and the relevant OSCE decisions and documents;
13. **Expresses** its full support for the three principles of the settlement of the armed conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan contained in the statement of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office at the 1996 Lisbon OSCE Summit, namely the territorial integrity of the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan, highest degree of self-rule of the Nagorno-Karabakh region within Azerbaijan and guaranteed security for this region and its whole population;
14. **Stresses** that fait accompli may not serve as a basis for a settlement, and that neither the current situation within the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, nor any actions, including arranging voting process, undertaken there to consolidate the status quo, may be recognized as legally valid;
15. **Urges** all States not to recognize as lawful the situation resulting from the occupation of the territories of Azerbaijan, nor render aid or assistance in maintaining that situation emerged as a result of serious breaches of international law and, to this end, encourages all States to cooperate with a view to ending aggression against Azerbaijan and occupation of its territories;
16. **Demands** to cease and reverse immediately the transfer of ethnic Armenian settlers into the occupied territories of Azerbaijan and all other actions taken with a view of changing unilaterally the physical, demographic, economic, social and cultural character, as well as the institutional structure and status of those territories, which constitute a blatant violation of international humanitarian and

human rights law and has a detrimental impact on the process of peaceful settlement of the conflict, and agrees to render its full support to the efforts and initiatives of Azerbaijan, aimed at preventing and invalidating such actions, including within the General Assembly of the United Nations, inter alia, through their respective Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York;

17. **Requests** Member States to take decisive measures to prevent any activities by their natural or legal persons that affect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan, including the engagement in or facilitation of any activity in the Nagorno-Karabakh region and other occupied territories of Azerbaijan;
18. **Calls** upon Member States to take effective measures to prevent imports/exports, sale and realization of any product in their territories produced in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, including its Nagorno-Karabakh region, or the products which were produced through utilization of resources shipped from the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, as well as not to allow any sort of advertising and marketing of products aimed at propagating the separatist regime established by Armenia in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan and also to prohibit financial services, such as provision of financing, financial assistance, insurance and reinsurance services, related to the importation/exportation of goods subject to this prohibition;
19. **Also calls upon** Member States to take effective measures to prevent tourism companies; travel agencies, tour operators and their umbrella organizations, operating on their territories, from organizing tourist visits to and the promotion of tourism in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, propagating illegal separatist regime at the international tourism fairs and other tourism events, in contravention of the fundamental aims of tourism set forth in the Statute of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the principles of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism approved by UNWTO and endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly;
20. **Strongly condemns** the use of military force starting from April 2, 2016, by the armed forces of Armenia from their positions in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, subjecting the armed forces of Azerbaijan and the adjacent populated areas to intensive fire with heavy artillery and large-caliber weapons, resulting in casualties among Azerbaijani civilians, including children, and substantial damages to the private and public property.
21. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Contact Group on the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan within the OIC following the decision of the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit and encourages Member States to take an active part in its work.
22. **Requests** the Secretary General to communicate the principled and firm position of the OIC vis-à-vis the Armenian aggression against the Republic of Azerbaijan,

to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Chairman-in Office of the OSCE, the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe and the President of the Council of the European Union;

23. **Reaffirms** its total solidarity with and support for the efforts undertaken by the Government and people of Azerbaijan to defend their country;
24. **Expresses its concern** over the severity of humanitarian problems concerning the existence of more than one million displaced persons and refugees in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan and requests Member States, the Islamic Development Bank and other Islamic Institutions to render much needed financial and humanitarian assistance to the Republic of Azerbaijan;
25. **Calls** for enabling the Azerbaijani forcibly displaced persons and refugees to exercise their inalienable right to return to their homes in safety, honor and dignity without further delay;
26. **Expresses** its appreciation to all Member States which have provided humanitarian assistance to the Azerbaijani refugees and displaced persons and **urges** all other States to extend their assistance to these people;
27. **Considers** that Azerbaijan has the right for appropriate reparation with regard to damages it suffered as a result of the conflict and puts the responsibility for providing such reparation on Armenia;
28. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> CFM.

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## **Resolution No. 11/43-POL on the Question of the Comoros Island of Mayotte**

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**Recalling** the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, which urges for the reinforcement of the Islamic solidarity and brotherhood,

**Recalling** the resolutions numbers 42/25-P; 43/26-P; 48/27; 18/28-P; 17/29-P; 10/30-P; 17/31-P, adopted by the previous OIC ministerial conferences,

**Recalling** also the resolutions numbers 41/8-P (IS); 18/9-P (IS) and 10/10-P (IS), adopted by the previous OIC Summit conferences;

1. **Commends** the steps achieved by the Comoros particularly as to the follow-up efforts on national reconciliation, the launching of inter-Comorian dialogue relevant to the consolidation of national unity and the establishment of the States' institutions;
2. **Expresses** satisfaction at the latest Presidential Elections which were recognized by the whole international community as free and democratic and by which Mr. Azali Assoumani was elected President of the Union of Comoros;
3. **Takes note** of the flagrant violation of international law by the French government in organizing a referendum on the Comorian island of Mayotte;
4. **Endorses** all the resolutions adopted by the United Nations, the African Union and the League of Arab States in this connection;
5. **Reaffirms** the Comoro island of Mayotte's belonging to the Archipelago of the Comoros, in conformity with international law, particularly the one relevant to the borders inherited from the decolonization;
6. **Condemns** the French occupation on the said island and calls upon France to encourage dialogue among the Comoros Union for an effective return of Mayotte and to guarantee the territorial integrity of the Comoros;
7. **Condemns** also all acts or attempts aimed at preventing the Muslim population of the Comorian Island from practicing their religion by prohibiting the Muezzin from calling for the Fajr prayer, and the Cadis from performing religious weddings- a prerequisite to the validity of the union of spouses belonging to the Muslim faith.
8. **Condemns and rejects** the departmentalization of the Comorian Island of Mayotte;
9. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution, to report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and to remain seized of the matter until the Comorian Island of Mayotte is regained.

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**Resolution No. 12/43-POL**  
**On the Situation at the Border between Djibouti and Eritrea**

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**Recalling** the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation;

**Reaffirming** the commitment of all Member States to respect the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Republic of Djibouti;

**Deeply concerned** over the Eritrean aggression against the Republic of Djibouti in the area of Ras Doumira;

**Noting** that Djibouti has withdrawn its forces to the *status quo ante* and has cooperated fully with all concerned;

**Reaffirming** the relevant resolution “HG/RES.16 (1)” adopted by the Organization of African Unity in 1967 on respect for the borders inherited from colonization;

**Referring** to the UN Security Council’s resolution 1862 (2009) of 14/1/2009, which demanded that Eritrea withdraw its military forces and equipment back to the previous positions and not to exist or practice any activity in the region targeted by the Eritrean aggression in the Djiboutian areas of Ras Doumaira and Doumaira Island in June 2008;

**Referring** to the letter sent by the UN Secretary General to the President of the UN Security Council on 30 March 2009, expressing doubts that Eritrea would respond positively to the UN Security Council resolution 1862 (2009);

**Reaffirming** to the UN Security Council’s resolution 1907 (2009) adopted at the 6254th meeting of 23/12/2009 on the series of sanctions against Eritrea;

**Referring to** the UN Secretary General’s report n. S/2012/412 dated 8/7/2012 on Eritrea;

**Referring** also to the UN Security Council’s resolution 2023 (2012) of 5 December 2011 on expanding the restrictive measures on Eritrea for not abiding fully by the previous resolutions, for its actions that undermine peace and reconciliation in Somalia and in the African Horn region as well as for the conflict between Djibouti and Eritrea which constitutes a threat to international peace and security;

**Appreciating** the mediation of His Highness the Emir of Qatar for the resolution of the conflict:

1. **Welcomes** the efforts of His Highness, the Emir of the State of Qatar to settle the conflict between Eritrea and the Republic of Djibouti including the efforts of His Highness which resulted in the release of 4 Djiboutian prisoners at the Eritrea.
2. **Expresses** the hope that the Republic of Djibouti will continue to enjoy respect for the rules of good neighborliness that should govern relations among the countries of the region.
3. **Commends** the efforts made by the Government of the Republic of Djibouti to put an end to tension by peaceful means.
4. **Calls for** respect for the inviolability of the borders established after independence.
5. **Urges** Eritrea to provide the required information on the prisoners and the persons missing during the combats between the two sides on 10-12 June 2008.
6. **Also calls for** a just and peaceful settlement based on respect for the principles of good neighborliness between the two neighboring countries, and respect for the unity and territorial integrity of states as well as for the inviolability of internationally recognized borders.
7. **Urges** all Member States to work hard for the full implementation of UNSC Resolution 1907 of 2009, as a means of increasing pressure on Eritrea to compel it to stop all actions affecting the security and stability of the Republic of Djibouti and the region.
8. **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.

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## **Resolution No. 13/43-POL on the Solidarity with the Republic of the Sudan**

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**Recalling** all relevant resolutions adopted by previous summit and ministerial conferences, the most recent of which is resolution 31/41 – P adopted by the 41<sup>st</sup> session in Jeddah,

**Referring** to the resolutions adopted by the African Summit on Solidarity with the Sudan rejecting the allegations of the International Criminal Court against His Excellency President Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, the most recent of which is the resolution adopted by the 24<sup>th</sup> Summit of the African Union in Addis Ababa which called on the Security Council to council the transfer of the case to the International Criminal Court,

**Expressing** full rejection of Amnesty International’s accusation of chemical warfare use by the Sudan, and calls on the international community to observe precision and credibility in leveling such accusations.

**Commending** the commitment of the Government of the Republic of Sudan, its fulfillment of the requirements for comprehensive peace and desire to consolidate peace throughout the country and its ongoing dialogue to promote stability in the Republic of Sudan;

**Commending** the initiatives of the Sudanese leadership on the efforts made towards the enthronement of peace in Darfur under the Arab-African-United Nation joint initiative through the Doha negotiation track;

**Stressing** the importance of achieving lasting peace and stability and supporting socioeconomic development in the Sudan,

**Taking note of** the report of the Secretary General on Solidarity with the Republic of the Sudan,

- 1. Reiterates** its full solidarity with the Sudan for the maintenance of security, stability, respect for its unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity; **expresses** its total rejection of all forms of foreign interference in Sudan’s affairs, especially the decision of the International Criminal Court of 4/3/2009 and its allegations against His Excellency President Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, and **calls for** the Court’s decision to be permanently rescinded;
- 2. Commends** the initiatives and steps taken by the Governments of Sudan and South Sudan to resolve their differences through peaceful means; calls for all pending issues between the countries to continue to be resolved in line with agreements signed under the sponsorship of the African Union High Level Group,

for priority to be given to resolving security issues and to agreement on border delineation in accordance with the January 1956 border;

3. **Affirms** its rejection of the outcome of the unilateral and illegal referendum concluded in the Abyei region, which is a violation of the agreements and understanding reached between the two sides and of the resolutions adopted by the African Union Peace and Security Council and leads to unjustified escalation in the region, and welcomes the Government of South Sudan and African Union's rejection of this unilateral measure;
4. **Reiterates** OIC Member States' support for Sudan in its efforts to confront the economic and financial difficulties following the secession of South Sudan and appeals to Member States to contribute to providing all forms of support and assistance to Sudan to enable it overcome the current economic situation;
5. **Commends** the initiative of H.E. President Omar Hasan Ahmad El-Basheer aimed at promoting national dialogue and political participation to confront the challenges of construction and rehabilitation by all Sudanese political segments; also welcomes the resolutions adopted in support of freedom of political action and free access, and affirms Member States' support for this initiative;
6. **Welcomes** the signing, on 10 October 2016, of the National Dialogue Document, and commends the outcome of this national dialogue.
7. **Welcomes** the conduct of parliamentary and presidential elections in the country on 13 April 2015, and **commends** the participation of the OIC General Secretariat in monitoring the elections, and the communiqué it issued which stated that they took place in a peaceful environment free from any violations.
8. **Affirms its rejection** of extension of the unilateral sanctions imposed on Sudan by the United States of America, calls for the removal of these sanctions, and **Welcomes** disregard the decision of the American administration to partially lift technical sanctions on Sudan, also Calls for the removal of Sudan from the American list of states sponsoring terrorism;
9. **Calls on** all Member States who are creditors to Sudan to cancels those debts to enable it face the challenges and requirements of construction and stabilization, also calls on the international community to cancel Sudan's external debts and support the tripartite initiative by the Government of Sudan, the Government of South Sudan and the African Union on debt cancellation, and affirms its support for the efforts aimed at enthroning peace and stability and achieving development;
10. **Commends** the steps taken in the implementation of the Peace Agreement in Darfur, signed in Qatar on 14 July 2011, and calls on Member States to follow up the implementation of the outcome of international donors' conference for reconstruction and restoration of peace in Darfur;

11. **Calls on** the General Secretariat to convene a conference of contributing parties in the Darfur Development Bank at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah in the near future after the completion of the required paper work, in order to accelerate the process of establishing the bank to contribute to the building and reconstruction efforts and to achieve development in the Darfur region;
12. **Calls on** all movements that are yet to accede to the Doha Agreement for peace in Darfur to do so, and **requests** the international community to apply stringent sanctions against rebel movements that reject the peace options and adopts the war option;
13. **Commends** the Doha Document for peace in Darfur adopted by the expanded conference of stakeholders in Darfur, held from 27 to 31 May 2011, and considers the Document a sound foundation for reaching a comprehensive ceasefire and an all-inclusive peaceful and just settlement leading to peace and security in Darfur;
14. **Commends** the understanding reached by the Republic of Sudan, the United Nations, and the African Security and Peace Council on the development and implementation of a plan to withdraw UNAMID Forces from the five Darfur States in light of the progress recorded in keeping security in those states
15. **Invites** all parties in Darfur to expedite without delay the signing of a comprehensive ceasefire agreement and to make the necessary concessions to reach a final peace agreement as soon as possible based on the Doha Document;
16. **Commends** the appreciable efforts of the Government of Sudan to resolve the conflict in South Sudan in the framework of IGAD, for its humanitarian support, sheltering of refugees and treating them as citizens;
17. **Commends** the visit to South Kordofan State in April 2014 by ICHAD and humanitarian organizations to assess the humanitarian situation and the outcome of the visit of the State's Governor to the General Secretariat in 2014; and **Calls on** the General Secretariat to mobilize necessary support for the state in order to improve conditions in the light of the assessment prepared by the humanitarian delegation after its visit to the State;
18. **Commends** the positive role of the State of Qatar led by His Highness Emir of the State of Qatar, in supporting the peace and development process in Darfur so that its population may enjoy security and stability;
19. **Expresses** thanks and appreciation to H.E. Mr. Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Mahmoud, Deputy Prime Minister and Senior Minister for Cabinet Affairs of the State of Qatar, the AU-UN Joint Mediator for Darfur, for their sincere efforts and perseverance in the achievement of peace in Darfur;

20. **Commends** the efforts of the State of Kuwait for hosting the Conference on the development and reconstruction of eastern Sudan and for having generously made a contribution of US\$ 0.5 billion;
21. **Requests** the Secretary General to take all measures to implement this resolution and to report thereon to the next Ministerial meeting.

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**Resolution No. 14/43 on Solidarity with Yemen and Support for  
Constitutional Legitimacy**

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1. **Reaffirms** its strong commitment to support for Yemen's unity, sovereignty, political independence and territorial integrity, to reject any intervention in its internal affairs, and to be solidarity with the Yemeni people and the freedom, democracy, social justice and comprehensive development they aspire to,
  
2. **Affirms** its sustained support for the constitutional legitimacy in Yemen represented in the person of H.E. President Abd Rabbuh Mansour Hadi, President of the Republic of Yemen, and for his patriotic efforts to achieve security and political and economic stability and the resumption of the political process in favour of a political solution based on the full implementation of the initiative of the Gulf Cooperation Council and its executive mechanisms along with the extrants of the Yemeni National Dialogue Conference, based on the resolutions of international legitimacy, foremost of which UN Security Council Resolution no.2216 (2015),
  
3. **Affirms** its abidance by the relevant UN Security Council resolutions, and in particular resolution no.2201(2015) which supports the constitutional legitimacy in Yemen and condemns and sanctions any party that seeks to obstruct the political process or to cause its failure, and which imposes sanctions against them, as well as by Security Council Resolution no.2216 (2015) which called on the Houthis, under chapter VII of the UN Charter to withdraw their forces from all the areas they have invested, in addition to the resolution on arms-import prohibition and other relevant resolutions as adopted by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the League of Arab States and the Gulf Cooperation Council,
  
4. **Welcomes** and supports the military steps (Storm of Resolve) and the process of reestablishing hope undertaken by the Arab Alliance in defense of Yemen, the Yemeni people and the legitimate authorities in Yemen, at an invitation from H.E. President Abdu Rabbuh Mansour Hadi, President of the Republic of Yemen, based on the provisions of the UN Charter and more particularly Article (51) thereof, as well as the provisions of the Charters of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the League of Arab States, and the Gulf Cooperation Council.

5. **Affirms** that these necessary military steps to strike at the military capacities of the Houthis and their allied militias aim at reestablishing security and stability in Yemen under the, leadership of its constitutional legitimacy, and to counter any of these armed militias attempts to jeopardize security in Yemen and the region and threaten international peace and security.
  
6. **Condemns** the attacks on the UAE vessel Swift at the Bab al-Mandab Strait, as well as the attacks on the battle ships in regional and international Red Sea Waters by the putchist militias; a matter considered a threat to the safety and security of international maritime navigation.
  
7. **Reiterates** its support for the results of the ministerial extraordinary meeting that was held in Jeddah under the chairmanship of H.E. Sheikh Saleh Khaled Al Hamad Al Subah, Foreign Minister of Kuwait and first deputy head of its Ministerial Council, on 16 June 2015 (29 Shaaban 1436H) at a request from the Republic of Yemen.
  
8. **Expresses** its thanks and appreciation to the state of Kuwait for hosting the Yemeni Peace Consultations on 22 April 2016 under the patronage of the United Nations, which were later resumed on 16 July 2016. In this respect, the Council pays tribute to the efforts of the UN Secretary General's envoy, Mr. Ismael Ould Al Sheikh, in pushing the peace consultations towards the achievement of the Yemeni people's aspirations and the return of the constitutional legitimacy, the recovery of the State institutions, the laying down of weapons and the ending of all the results and after effects of the coup, in accordance with the references represented in the Gulf Initiative and its executive mechanisms and the extrants of the International dialogue, Security Council Resolution no.2216(2015) and the relevant international legitimacy resolutions.
  
9. **Expresses** its thanks and appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the Coordination and Calming Committee which seek to consolidate the discontinuation of the military action and monitor the violations of the ceasefire.
  
10. **Commends** the creation and meetings of OIC Contact Group on Yemen aimed at coordinating the efforts of the Member States towards achieving a political solution, in line with relevant international legitimacy resolutions, particularly resolution 2216 (2015), the Gulf Initiative and its Executive Mechanism and the Outputs of national

dialogue, supporting legitimate state and its authorities, and providing humanitarian and development assistance.

11. **Welcomes** the current OIC efforts in favour of convening a conference to extend humanitarian and developmental aid to Yemen as soon as possible with a view to mobilize the urgently required resources to address the critical situation and ensure the requisites of the following stage in coordination with the Government of Yemen and the regional and international parties including the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques' Centre for Relief and Humanitarian action, as well as the UN and its humanitarian and development agencies,

12. **Requests** the Secretary General to take all necessary measures to execute the present resolution and to report hereon to the next ministerial meeting.

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**Resolution No. 15/43-POL on the Providing Assistance to the Union of Comoros**

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**Recalling** the principles and objectives of the Islamic Conference calling for the reinforcement of solidarity and fraternity among OIC Member States,

**Recalling** resolutions no. 42/25-P, 43/26-P, 48/27-P, 17/29, 10/13-P, 7/36-P and 8/37-P adopted by previous Ministerial Conferences,

**Recalling also** resolutions no. 41/8-P (IS), 18/9-P (IS) and 10/10-P (IS) adopted by Islamic Summit Conferences,

**Having taken note** of the conference on investment in Comoros held in Doha on 10 March 2010, and organized jointly by the League of Arab States and the State of Qatar,

**Commending** the initiatives and commitments made as well as the success of the Conference,

**Commending** the active participation in this conference by the delegation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference led by the Secretary General,

**Considering** the new political situation prevailing in the Union of the Comoros following the referendum, the recent legislative elections and the Congress vote for the harmonization of elections in the Union of the Comoros,

1. **Congratulates** the Government of the Union of the Comoros for its fight against underdevelopment;
2. **Expresses** appreciation to the Government of the State of Qatar, the League of Arab States, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and to the Organization of the Islamic Conference for the efforts deployed to accompany the Comoros in its development programmes;
3. **Welcomes** the visit of His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar to the Union of Comoros, and Expresses gratitude and appreciation for the efforts of His Highness in support of development in the Comoros and for the aid he provided in this framework.
4. **Expresses recognition** to all OIC Member States, international and regional organizations and to NGOs who participated;

5. **Urges** the Member States to support the Union of the Comoros by materializing the announcements made during the Doha Conference and by making available to the Comoros the resources required to implement the socio-economic development programmes;
6. **Invites** the Member States' NGOs to further participate in the implementation of Comoros' development projects;
7. **Invites** also the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry to take necessary measures so that the investors of the Islamic Ummah give more attention to the Union of the Comoros with a view to prompting the creation of small and medium sized businesses and putting in place a bank and financial system to support the development of the country;
8. **Calls upon** different Islamic financial institutions and the Member States to consider the possibility to cancel or reschedule the debts of the Union of the Comoros, to enable it to focus permanently on the reconstruction of its economy;
9. **Expresses** thanks to the Secretary General for the interest he gives to the Union of the Comoros and **invites** him to take the measures necessary to ensure the effective implementation of the present resolution and to submit a report thereon to 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFM.

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## Resolution No.16/43-POL on the Situation in Cote d'Ivoire

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**Recalling** Resolution 14/37-POL on the Situation in Cote d'Ivoire adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFM held on 18-20 May 2010 in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, as well as all OIC previous resolutions on the matter;

**Recalling** the difficulties faced by Cote d'Ivoire following the 2010 presidential elections and the end of the ensuing conflict on 11 April 2011;

**Welcoming** the good organization of the fair and transparent presidential elections in October 2015, allowing the restoration of the stability of the country, which was translated into the announcement of the end of the mandate of the United Nations' Operation in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOC) in June 2017 on the one hand, and the lifting of embargo on heavy weapons (resolutions 2283 and 2284 of 28 April 2016) and the economic performance recorded in recent years on the other hand;

**Reaffirming** the need to assist Cote d'Ivoire to rebuild its infrastructures and restore the state of its economy on the other;

1. **Expresses thanks** the OIC for the support extended to Cote d'Ivoire during the period of the crisis, and particularly to the OIC Secretary General for his personal involvement in the settlement of the crisis.
2. **Encourages** President Alassane Wattara and his government to continue to work for the restoration of peace and trust among the citizens of Cote d'Ivoire.
3. **Congratulates** His Excellency Mr. Alassane Ouattara and his government for the various initiatives on economic recovery, the reconstruction of the country and good governance, and for having adopted good governance which guarantees the general welfare of the citizens of Cote d'Ivoire.
4. **Calls on** OIC Member States and OIC affiliated financial institutions, namely the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), to provide material and financial assistance to Cote d'Ivoire to enable it to address, the challenge of the reconstruction of infrastructures and the rehabilitation of its economy. It **encourages and commends**, in this regard, the commitment made by the IDB during the Consultative Group meeting on financing this country's National Development Plan (NDP) 2016-2020 held on 17-18 May 2016 in Paris, by committing to grant Cote d'Ivoire a financial assistance of over US\$ 1 billion.
5. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to take all appropriate measures in cooperation in cooperation with the authorities in Cote d'Ivoire to hold a donors' conference for the reconstruction and the economic revival of Cote d'Ivoire.
6. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 17/43-POL on the Support for the Republic of Guinea**

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**Considering** the political situation in the Republic of Guinea over the past several years;

**Appreciating** the political role that the Republic of Guinea has played in maintaining peace and security in the sub-region, namely in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea-Bissau, and Mali;

**Underscoring** the need to ensure long-term security and development of the Republic of Guinea;

**Considering** the positive development of the situation in the Republic of Guinea which led to the democratic election of the President of the Republic on 7 November 2010; **Welcoming** the success of the 2015 presidential elections in Guinea which consolidated stability, democracy and good governance;

**Welcoming** the measures taken by the new President of the Republic, His Excellency Professor Alpha Condé, to remedy the economic, financial and administrative situation;

**Also welcoming** the organization on 28 September 2013 of free and democratic legislative elections conducted in a peaceful and serene atmosphere, in presence of different observers. This finalization of this transition was possible thanks to the maturity of Guinean political actors and to the constant facilitation and support provided by the international community;

**Welcoming** also the encouraging results achieved by the Government in the fight against Ebola Virus Disease (EVD);

**Welcoming** the declaration of the WHO announcing the end of the Ebola virus in the Republic of Guinea on 29 December 2015;

**Reaffirming** the need to help the Republic of Guinea reconstruct its health infrastructures, rehabilitate its health center and invigorate economic, social and cultural development;

1. **Invites** all OIC Member States and financial institutions to continue to offer their political, economic and financial support to the Republic of Guinea to this end.
2. **Expresses** appreciation to the OIC General Secretariat, and particularly to the Secretary General in person, for their unswerving support for democracy and sustainable development in the Republic of Guinea.

3. **Welcomes** the support of the international community, particularly ECOWAS, the African Union, the European Union, and the United Nations for the efforts made by the Guinean Authorities to conclude the restoration process of constitutional order in the country.
4. **Expresses** gratitude to the Member States that have provided political and material support to the Government of the Republic of Guinea.
5. **Commends** the OIC Secretary General and the IDB President who facilitated the organization of a joint OIC-IDB meeting on 5 November 2014, in the framework of the mobilization of resources to contribute to the efforts to combat EVD.
6. **Thanks** certain Member States, namely Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, , Turkey, Gambia, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria and Mauritania, as well as the IDB and certain NGOs for their material and financial support to the Republic of Guinea during the outbreak of Ebola epidemic.
7. **Requests** the Secretary General to ensure the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 18/43-POL on the Situation in Kosovo**

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**Guided** by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights, the Geneva Conventions of August 1949 and 1951 as well as other instruments of international law,

**Upholding** the role of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes and maintenance of international peace and security,

**Referring** to the UN Security Council Resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999), and the relevant statements of its President and the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

**Recalling** the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion of 22 July 2010 on the “Accordance with international law of the unilateral declaration of independence in respect of Kosovo”,

**Recalling** also the UN General Assembly Resolution 64/298,

**Recalling** further the Resolution No. 16/31 adopted at the thirty-first Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Istanbul on 14-16 June 2004, the Resolution No. 36/34 of the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFM, Islamabad, 15-17 May 2007, the Resolution No. 14/36 of the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFM, Damascus, 23-25 May 2009, the Resolution No.17/38 of 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFM, Astana, 27-30 June 2011, the Final Communiqué of the 11<sup>th</sup> OIC Summit, Dakar, 13-14 March 2008, the Declaration of the OIC Ministerial Meeting in Kampala in June 2008 and in New York in September 2008; the Final Communiqué of the Coordination Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the OIC Member States in New York in September 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, the Final Communiqué of the Cairo Summit 2013, Resolution No. 16/40 POL of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of CFM, Conakry, Republic of Guinea, from 9-11 December 2013, and the Resolution No. 18/41-POL of the 41st CFM, Jeddah, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 18-19 June 2014, and the Resolution No. 18/42-POL of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CFM, Kuwait, State of Kuwait from 27-28 May 2015,

**Noting** the Declaration of Independence by the Assembly of Kosovo of 17 February 2008,

**Considering** the fact, that Kosovo has been recognized by 112 states, including 37 OIC Member States,

**Reaffirming** the continued interest of the OIC toward the people of Kosovo and the peace and stability in the whole Balkan region,

1. **Takes note** of the progress made towards the strengthening of democracy in Kosovo and the institutional work at all relevant levels, serving peace and stability in the country and the entire region;
2. **Acknowledges** the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on Kosovo's Declaration of Independence, delivered on 22 July 2010, in which the Court rendered that Kosovo's Declaration of Independence violated neither general international law, Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), nor the Provisional Constitutional Framework of Kosovo, adopted by UNMIK;
3. **Welcomes** the commitment by all stakeholders, (local and international authorities), to further strengthening democracy, rule of law and the institutional work at all relevant levels throughout the entire territory of Kosovo, serving peace and stability in the country and the entire region throughout Kosovo;
4. **Also welcomes** the continuing efforts of the European Union to advance the European perspective of Kosovo and the whole of the Western Balkans, making thus a decisive contribution to the stability and prosperity of the region;
5. **Supports** the process of dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia with the European Union facilitation on technical issues as requested by the UNGA resolution 64/298 and welcomes the historic agreement reached on 19 April 2013 in Brussels between Kosovo and Serbia with the facilitation of the European Union, which paved the way for the normalization of their relations, and calls upon the parties to fully implement the agreement;
6. **Calls** upon the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation to consider recognizing of Kosovo based on their free and sovereign rights as well as on their national practice;
7. **Welcomes** the cooperation of Kosovo with the OIC economic and financial institutions, and calls on the international community, including the willing of the OIC Member States, to continue contributing to the fostering of the Kosovo's economy;
8. **Requests** the Secretary-General, to submit to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers a follow-up report on the progress of the present Resolution.

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**Resolution No.19/43-POL**  
**On The Situation in Cyprus**

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**Recalling** its resolution No.2/31-P on the situation in Cyprus adopted at the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Istanbul on 14-16 June 2004,

**Reiterating** all the resolutions and the Final Communiqués adopted by the OIC on the situation in Cyprus, including the latest Final Communiqué of the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, on 6-7 February, 2013 and Resolution No.19/41-POL adopted by the 41<sup>st</sup> CFM held in Jeddah on 18-19 June 1014,

**Reaffirming** all previous support resolutions of the Islamic Conferences on the question of Cyprus which express firm support for the rightful cause of the Muslim Turkish Cypriots who constitute an integral part of the Islamic world,

**Reiterating** its continued support for the efforts of the UN Secretary General under his Mission of Good Office towards a comprehensive settlement,

**Recalling** its support for the negotiations for a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus issue, under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General's Good Offices Mission and the willingness shown by the Turkish Cypriot side and Turkey for a just and lasting settlement,

**Supporting** the UN comprehensive settlement negotiations in Cyprus which was resumed on 11 February 2014 based on the Joint Declaration adopted by the two leaders which envisaged a federation composed of two constituent states of equal status,

**Expressing** its solidarity with the constituent Turkish Cypriot State and its appreciation for their constructive efforts to attain a just and mutually acceptable settlement,

**Underlining** that an early comprehensive settlement to the Cyprus problem that has been on the agenda of the UN Security Council for 51 years can only be reached if the Turkish constructiveness in negotiations is properly reciprocated and that a negotiated and mutually agreed political solution can be found, based on the inherent constitutive power of the two peoples, their political equality and co-ownership of the Island,

**Noting** the report of the Secretary General on the situation in Cyprus contained in document (OIC/CFM-42/2015/POL/SG-REP),

1. **Reaffirms** the full equality of the two parties in Cyprus as the principle enabling them to live side-by-side in security, peace and harmony without one having the ability to govern, exploit, oppress or threaten the other
2. **Reiterates** its support to the efforts of the Turkish Cypriot Leader and the Greek Cypriot Leader to reach a negotiated settlement as it was agreed on the Joint Declaration of February 11, 2014 for the resumption of UN comprehensive negotiations in Cyprus,
3. **Calls upon** the international community to encourage the Greek Cypriot side to work constructively for an early comprehensive solution to the Cyprus issue,
4. **Repeats** its call to the international community to take, without further delay, concrete steps to end the isolation of the Muslim Turkish Cypriots in line with the call made by the UN Secretary-General in this Report of 28 May 2004 and the assessments made by the UN Secretary-General's following reports as well as the previous OIC resolutions;
5. **Calls upon** the Member States to strengthen effective solidarity with the Muslim Turkish Cypriots, closely associating with them, and with a view to helping them materially and politically to overcome the inhuman isolation which has been imposed upon them, to increase and expand their relations in all fields;
6. **Invites** the Member States in this framework:
  - to exchange business delegations with the Muslim Turkish Cypriots with a view to exploring the opportunities of economic cooperation, investment in areas such as direct transport, tourism, information;
  - to develop cultural relations and sports contacts with the Muslim Turkish Cypriots;
  - to encourage cooperation with the Turkish Cypriot universities, including the exchange of students and academicians;
7. **Strongly encourages** Member States to exchange high-level visits with the Muslim Turkish Cypriots;
8. **Reaffirms** its previous decisions to support, until the Cyprus problem is solved, the rightful claim of the Muslim Turkish Cypriots, for the right to be heard in all international fora where the Cyprus problem comes up for discussion, on the basis of equality of the two parties in Cyprus;
9. **Requests** the Secretary General to secure the continuation of the necessary contacts with the Islamic Development Bank with a view to seek ways and means

of the latter's assistance for the development projects of the Muslim Turkish Cypriots;

10. **Acknowledges** the desire of the Muslim Turkish Cypriots to travel freely to OIC Member Countries;
11. **Urges** the Member States to inform the General Secretariat of the actions taken regarding the implementation of all previous resolutions,
12. **Requests** the Secretary General to take all necessary measures for the implementation of this resolution, make further recommendations as appropriate and to report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 20/43-POL**  
**On the Situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016)*

**Recalling** all the previous resolutions and declarations by the OIC on the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina,

**Reaffirming** the firm support of the OIC Member States to preserve the territorial integrity, sovereignty, equality of the two entities and the three constituent peoples and others, within internationally recognized borders of Bosnia and Herzegovina,

**Underlining** the need for a comprehensive reform process with a view to strengthening the European and Euro-Atlantic orientation of Bosnia and Herzegovina,

1. **Calls for** the continued interest of the OIC and its Member States in the stability and prosperity of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the face of the critical period it is passing through;
2. **Welcomes** the efforts of the OIC Contact Group on Bosnia and Herzegovina, which conducted its last meeting in September 2012 in New York;
3. **Acknowledges** the significance of the continued contributions of the OIC members of the Peace Implementation Council to the budget of the Office of the High Representative;
4. **Encourages** the regional efforts towards confidence building among stakeholders in BiH and the neighbouring countries;
5. **While welcoming** the creation of a broad based, multi-ethnic state level Government 16 months after the general elections held in October 2010, and the adoption of crucial laws, including State Aid Law and Public Census Law, thereafter, expresses concern about the ongoing political crisis in the country;
6. **Welcomes** the results of the local elections taken place on 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2012, which were conducted in line with the international standards and in an orderly manner;
7. **Expresses** concern about the increasing divisive rhetoric and calls upon all local, regional and international stakeholders to decisively and categorically discourage such rhetoric and actions that could harm the territorial integrity of BiH;
8. **Encourages** the European and Euro-Atlantic orientation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and reminds that the main responsibility regarding the reform process rests with the people and the political leaders of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

9. **Calls upon** all the political leaders in Bosnia and Herzegovina to join their forces for the common future of the country and thus focus on the reform process;
10. **Calls upon** the Islamic World to continue to commemorate the tragic events that occurred in Srebrenica 17 years ago on 11 July as the Day of Mourning in line with the Resolution adopted by the 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 30th June 2011;
11. **Emphasizes** the importance of the economic development in consolidating peace and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina and invites the Islamic Development Bank to develop result-oriented projects in cooperation with the relevant development agencies of the Member States for ameliorating the economic and social conditions of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
12. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States and the OIC financial institutions to increase their contributions to the OIC Trust Fund for the Return of the Displaced Persons in BiH;
13. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of the present Resolution and report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 21/43-POL**  
**On the Combating Terrorism in Sahel-Saharan Region Countries**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016)*

**Recalling** the principles and objectives of the United Nations Charter aimed at maintaining Peace & Security, and to that end take effective collective measures;

**Reaffirming** the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation(OIC) calling upon Member States to cooperate in combating terrorism in its forms and manifestations, organized crime, illicit drug trafficking, corruption, money laundering and human trafficking;

**Referring** to the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference which was held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005, reaffirming condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and rejecting any justification or excuse for terrorism;

**Referring** to the OIC Convention on Combating Terrorism adopted by the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (session of Peace and Partnership for Development) which was held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 28 June to 1 July 1999;

**Guided** by the objectives and principles of the United Nations and African Union on preventing and combating terrorism and organized crime;

**Recalling** resolution 2295 (2016) of the UN Security Council (New York, 29 June 2016) on the renewal of the mandate of MINUSMA;

**Recalling** also Resolution 65/50 of the United Nations General Assembly on Assistance to States for Curbing the Illicit Traffic in Small Arms and Light Weapons and Collecting Them, adopted in plenary session on 8 December 2010;

**Concerned** about the danger of terrorist groups for Member States' stability, security and integrity;

**Considering** the elaboration of the UN Integrated Strategy for the Sahel and the establishment of the Ministerial Coordination Platform for Sahel Strategies and the G5 Sahel strategy;

1. **Condemns** the activity of terrorist stamps in the Sahel-Saharan region and expresses deep concern that over drug trafficking, human trafficking and hostage

taking leading to payment of ransoms as the major source of financing of the activities of terrorist groups.

2. **Encourages** OIC Member States, in the framework of this fight, to support countries of the Sahel region, particularly to the Sahel G5, through, *inter alia*, reinforcing the capacity of the defense and security forces, and requests the UN to provide the MINUSMA with a robust mandate that enables it to face terrorist threats and support Sahel G5 countries in the establishment of rapid-response force..
3. **Commends** the results achieved in the implementation of the UN Integrated Strategy for the Sahel, namely the establishment and implementation of the Ministerial Coordination Platform for Sahel Strategies and the G5 Sahel strategy; and **calls upon** Member States to pursue their ongoing efforts for the implementation of the programmes and achievement of the objectives of these coordination and development mechanisms.
4. **Reiterates** its supports to the practical and operational steps taken by the countries of the Sahel region to strengthen coordination of their efforts to combat terrorism and organized crime, under the Joint Operation Military Staff Committee (CEMOC) and the Fusion and Liaison Committee (UFL) in Algeria.
5. **Stresses** the close link between the phenomenon of terrorism and illegal activities such as drugs trade, arms trade and human trafficking as the latter constitutes the main sources of finance for terrorist movements, and underlines the need to strengthen the necessary measures and mechanisms in this regard.
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 44th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 22/43-POL**  
**On The Strengthening of the Security of Non-Nuclear Weapon States**  
**Against the use or Threat of use of Nuclear Weapons**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Guided by** the objectives of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation which call for the consolidation of international peace and security on the basis of justice; and reaffirming its commitment to the purposes of the United Nations Charter in safeguarding international peace and security,

**Deeply** concerned over the existence of significant nuclear arsenals in the world which increase the possibility of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

**Taking into consideration** the imperative to take effective international measures to ensure the security of Non-Nuclear Weapon States against the use or of threat of use of nuclear weapons, whatever their origin,

**Recalling** the resolutions and decisions adopted by the UN General Assembly at its 10<sup>th</sup> Special Session, held from 23 May to 30 June 1978 devoted to disarmament, especially its paragraphs 32 and 59 related to the effective arrangements to assure the non-nuclear weapon states against the use or the threat of use of nuclear weapons,

**Recalling** the Declaration of the UN General Assembly No.1653 of 24 November 1961 on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, which affirms that the use of such weapons is contrary to the spirit, letter and aims of the United Nations and, as such, a direct violation of the Charter of the United Nations,

**Recalling** the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 8 July 1996 on the legality of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons in which it expresses that use or threat of use of nuclear weapons would generally be contrary to the Rules of international law applicable in armed conflict and in particular the principles and rules of Humanitarian Law,

**Underlining** once again the unanimous conclusion of the International Court of Justice that there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control,

**Recognizing** that effective measures through multilaterally negotiated legally binding instrument to protect Non-Nuclear Weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons positively contributes to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and strengthen international peace and security,

**Expressing its grave concern** over the acquisition of nuclear weapons capability by Israel, which poses a serious and continuing threat to international and regional peace and security,

**Deeply concerned** over Israel's arsenal of nuclear weapons and its threats as well as hostile policies and practices aimed at destroying the peaceful and defense capabilities of OIC Member States,

**Also deeply concerned** about the Israeli threats against peaceful nuclear installations of the OIC Member States, and also condemning the Israeli threats against the Islamic Republic of Iran;

**Deeply convinced** that the most effective assurance for Non-Nuclear Weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is the total elimination of all nuclear weapons,

**Recalling** the declaration and commitment therein made by Nuclear-Weapon States to provide legally binding security assurances to Non-Nuclear Weapon States in accordance with their obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and other instruments,

**Noting** that Nuclear Weapon States have failed to provide credible assurances to Non-Nuclear Weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

**Recalling** all relevant resolutions adopted by the Islamic Conferences including Resolution 39/10-P (IS) adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit Conference and Resolution 22/41-POL of the Thirty-ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers,

**Recalling also** the resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly as well as relevant documents of the Non-Aligned Movement on the need for assurances by nuclear weapon state to Non-Nuclear Weapon States to the effect that they shall not resort to the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons against them,

**Recalling** the resolutions of the UN General Assembly related to the subject, in particular Resolution 69/30,

**Noting** the unanimous adoption of Resolution No. 984 by the UN Security Council as well as the Declaration issued by the Nuclear Weapon States in April 1995 on positive and negative security assurances for the Non-Nuclear Weapon States which are still inadequate to assure the Non-Nuclear Weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

**Noting** also the adoption of the Comprehensive Test ban Treaty by the Resumed session of the UN General Assembly on 10 September 1996,

**Expressing deep concern** over the threat of use of nuclear weapons in general and against the OIC Member States in particular,

**Also expressing deep concern** over the Nuclear Posture Review by a certain nuclear weapon state in which some Member States are threatened to be targets of special types of nuclear weapons,

**Expressing concern** also over the failure of the 9<sup>th</sup> Review Conference on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons despite the relentless efforts exerted by the Arab Group and the outstanding endeavors of the Algerian Presidency of the Conference to come up with a consensual document;

1. **Calls upon** all States, including those Members of the Conference on Disarmament, particularly the Nuclear Weapon States, to work urgently towards a multilaterally negotiated legally binding instrument to assure unconditionally Non-Nuclear Weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons and to explore all additional means to provide effective assurances to Non-Nuclear Weapon States in the global or regional context. Pending the conclusion of such legally binding instrument, the Nuclear Weapon States should fully observe their existing obligations, and in this context calls upon the NWS to denounce unequivocally the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapon states pending total elimination of such weapons;
2. **Recommends** that the Members of the OIC make every effort at all international fora with a view to promoting the above-mentioned objectives aimed at strengthening the security of Non-Nuclear Weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;
3. **Urges** the Conference on Disarmament to give utmost priority among all issues on its agenda, to the early commencement of negotiations on nuclear disarmament,
4. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the developments in this respect and submit a report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 23/43-POL**

### **On Evolving a new Global Consensus on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Recalling** Resolution 23/41-POL adopted at the Forty-First Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers,

**Recalling** the Final Communiqué of the Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Conakry,

**Concerned** over the continuing lack of progress on disarmament and non-proliferation and its negative impact on international and regional peace and security,

**Recognizing** that arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation are essential for the maintenance of international and regional peace and security,

**Underscoring** that strategic and political expediency, as well as commercial competition should not be allowed to compromise the mutually shared objectives of nonproliferation and disarmament,

**Reaffirming** the central role and primary responsibility of the United Nations in the field of disarmament,

**Recalling** the Final Document of the 10<sup>th</sup> Special Session of the General Assembly, adopted by consensus at the First Special Session devoted to Disarmament,

**Welcoming** the adoption of the UN General Assembly resolution 67/518 calling for the convening of the Fourth special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament (SSOD-IV),

1. **Underscores** the need to evolve a new and balanced consensus in the area of disarmament, arms control, non-proliferation and related security matters as a means to promote international and regional peace and security;
2. **Stresses** the need for non-discriminatory criteria for access to peaceful nuclear technologies to facilitate socio-economic development, particularly in developing countries;
3. **Calls upon** members of multilateral export Control regimes to adopt nondiscriminatory policies for access to nuclear and other dual-use technologies for peaceful uses and notes with deep concern the practice of grant of country-specific exemptions which is undermining the non-proliferation regime and peace and stability at the regional and global levels;
4. **Strongly supports** the convening of the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly as soon as possible with a view to evolving a new and balanced

consensus, taking into account the existing and emerging challenges in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

5. **Taking note** of the fact that Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) supported the convening of the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly which would offer the opportunity to review, from a perspective more in tune with the current international situation, the most critical aspects of the disarmament process and to mobilize the international community and public opinion in favour of the elimination of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and of the control and reduction of conventional weapons based on the principle of undiminished security of the parties with a view to promoting or enhancing stability at a lower military level, taking into account the need of all States to protect their security.
6. **Reiterating** its conviction that the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly can set the future course of action in the fields of disarmament, arms control, nonproliferation and related international security matters.
7. **Emphasizing** the importance of multilateralism in the process of disarmament, arms control, non-proliferation and related international security matters.
8. **Requests** all OIC Member States to actively participate in the preparatory process for this Special Session;
9. **Encourages** in this context the efforts in order to reach an agreement on a balanced and comprehensive Programme of Work for the Conference on Disarmament and **invites** the Member States of the Conference on Disarmament to consider positively all the proposals made in the CD to this end, including to facilitate an early commencement of negotiations on nuclear disarmament;
10. **Congratulates** Algeria on its Chairmanship of the 9<sup>th</sup> Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference.
11. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 24/43-POL**  
**On Consideration of the Relevant Initiatives and Proposals in the Field of**  
**Conventional Arms**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016,*

**Guided by** the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law relating to the maintenance of international peace and security,

**Reaffirming** the principle of equal rights and the inalienable right to self-determination of all peoples, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

**Recognizing** the right of all States to manufacture, import, export, transfer and retain conventional arms for self-defense and security needs, and in order to participate in peace support operation,

**Reiterating** the need for balanced reduction of armed forces and of conventional armaments based on the principle of undiminished security of all States, taking into account the need of all States to protect their security,

**Taking note** of the existing and new initiatives and proposals in the field of conventional arms including international arrangements for promoting transparency and confidence and security-building measures in the field of conventional arms, those arising from the United Nations Programme of Action to combat, prevent and eradicate the illicit trade in SALW in all its aspects,

**Taking note** of the adoption by the UN General Assembly on 2 April 2013 of the Arms Trade Treaty,

**Reaffirming** the principle of consensus in multilateral treaty negotiations and the principle of equal and undiminished security for all states,

**Recalling** General Assembly resolution 69/47 on Conventional Arms Control at the Regional and Sub-regional levels,

**Recalling** Resolution 24/41-POL adopted at the Forty-First Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers,

1. **Stresses** that initiatives and proposals in the field of conventional arms, including arms transfers should be addressed in conjunction with the question of maintaining international peace and security, reducing regional and international tensions, preventing and resolving conflicts and

disputes, building and enhancing confidence, and promoting disarmament as well as social and economic development;

2. **Underscores** that any international initiative on conventional arms trade should not impinge upon the right of each state to security and the inalienable right to self-determination and independence of people under colonial or foreign domination and obligations of States to respect that right, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States;
3. **Notes with deep concern** policies of arms transfers of certain major arms producers and exporters that sidestep considerations for maintaining regional military balance and strategic stability in volatile regions for furthering their political agendas and commercial interests;
4. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report of the Group of Experts to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 25/43-POL On Regional Military Balance**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Recalling** the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, bearing in mind the need for redressing the asymmetries in the levels of security arising from military imbalances at regional and sub-regional levels,

**Recalling** the Final Communiqué of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit held in Dakar and all relevant OIC resolutions, in particular Resolution No.31/10-P(IS) adopted by the Tenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference as well as Resolution 25/41-POL of the Forty-First Council of Foreign Ministers on this subject,

1. **Recognizes** the need for enhancing regional security and stability through the settlement of outstanding disputes and the establishment of equitable and verifiable balance of armaments at the lowest levels;
2. **Calls upon** the international community and states concerned to adopt measures which would ease global and regional tensions and result in a just and lasting resolution of outstanding conflicts and disputes thus facilitate meaningful appropriate disarmament and arms control measures;
3. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow-up the developments in this respect and submit a report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 26/43-POL On the Regional Arms Control and Disarmament**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Believing** that the efforts of the international community to move towards the ideal of general and complete disarmament are guided by the desire for genuine peace and security, the elimination of the danger of war and the release of economic, intellectual and other resources for peaceful pursuits,

**Affirming** the commitment of all Member States to the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charters of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation and the United Nations in the conduct of their international relations,

**Noting** that unbridled regional arms race and arms buildup impedes socio-economic development and efforts towards confidence building,

**Noting** also that the essential guidelines for progress towards General and Complete disarmament were adopted at the 10<sup>th</sup> Special Session of the UN General Assembly vide its Resolution No.S-10/2,

**Recalling** Resolution 69/45 adopted by the 69<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly,

**Noting with concern** the lack of progress in the field of disarmament, in particular nuclear disarmament,

**Recognizing** the importance of confidence building measures for regional and international peace and security,

**Recalling all** the relevant OIC resolutions, especially resolution No.30/10-P (IS) of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference as well as Resolution 26/41-POL of the Forty-First Council of Foreign Ministers on the subject,

**Convinced** that endeavours of the Member States to promote regional disarmament, taking into account the specific characteristics of each region and in accordance with the principle of undiminished security at the lowest level of armaments, would enhance the security of all States, in particular smaller States and would thus contribute to international peace and security by reducing the risk of regional conflict,

**Welcoming** the entry into force, on 21 of March 2009, of the Treaty on a Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia, which was initiated by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov on 28 September 1993 at the 48<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly and which became the first such zone made up entirely of OIC Member States, as well as the initiative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to elaborate further the issue of an international legal status of the nuclear-weapons-free zones,

including security assurances and appropriate preferential status of States Parties to such zones; hoping that the Protocol to the Treaty on negative security assurances, signed by five members of the UN Security Council on 6 May 2014, will come into force in the very near future

**Also welcoming** the entry into force since 2010 of the Treaty of Pelindaba on Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in Africa,

**Welcoming** the signing, on 7 May 2014, by China, France, the Russian Federation, United Kingdom and the United States, the five major Nuclear Weapon States of the Protocol to the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia,

1. **Stresses** that sustained efforts are needed, within the framework of the Conference on Disarmament and under the auspices of the United Nations, to make progress on the entire range of disarmament issues, in particular nuclear disarmament, as the highest priority;
2. **Affirms** that global and regional approaches to disarmament complement each other and should therefore be pursued simultaneously to promote regional and international peace and security;
3. **Encourages** the conclusion of multilaterally negotiated equitable and nondiscriminatory agreements for global nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation and confidence-building at the global, regional and sub-regional levels;
4. **Welcomes** the initiatives towards disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation and security undertaken by some Member States at the regional and sub-regional levels;
5. **Supports** and encourages efforts aimed at promoting confidence-building measures at regional and sub-regional levels in order to ease regional tensions and to further disarmament and non-proliferation measures at regional and sub-regional levels, taking into account the relevant characteristics of each region;
6. **Considers** that regional agreements on limitations for arms production and purchases and military expenditure can contribute to fostering confidence and making resources available for development, taking into consideration the circumstances of each region;
7. **Calls upon** the countries that have not yet ratified the Protocol to the Treaty on a Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia, to finalize the ratification process at earliest time.
8. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow developments in this respect and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 27/43-POL on Establishment of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in the Middle East**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Recalling** the principles and purposes enshrined in the Charters of the United Nations and Organization of the Islamic Conference, and the principles of international law related to the maintenance of international peace and security,

**Convinced** that the existence and proliferation of nuclear weapons by Israel in the Middle East constitutes a threat to NNWS and poses grave danger to International peace and security,

**Recalling** UN General Assembly resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution 65/42 of 11/01/2011 and resolutions adopted by Islamic Conferences and other International fora in this regard, in particular the resolution adopted by the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference, as well as the final documents of the 2000 and 2010 NPT review conferences,

**Expressing** deep concern about the negative international policies and tendencies regarding the non- proliferation of nuclear weapons and nuclear disarmament, that the possession of nuclear weapons by Israel poses grave dangers to the security and stability of the Middle East region,

**Taking** into consideration the urgent need to implement the comprehensive safeguards regime of the IAEA on all the nuclear facilities in the Middle East region,

**Noting with deep concern** that Israel is the only country in the Middle East that is yet to accede to the nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT),

**Expressing** deep regret at the failure to convene the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction which was scheduled to convene in 2012,

**Appreciating** the constructive and positive reactions from OIC Member States towards the Conference, including the announcement of their willingness to participate in 2012 Conference,

**Deploring** that Israel continues to undermine the convening of the Conference by not declaring its intention to participate in it,

- 1. Calls on** Israel to accede to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), without further delay and unconditionally, and to place all its nuclear facilities under the comprehensive safeguards regime of the IAEA; in accordance with the UN Security Council Resolution 487(1981), **reaffirms** the importance of establishing a nuclear weapons free zone in the Middle East as soon as possible to preserve peace and security in the region; and **reaffirms** its support for the Arab Initiative submitted to the Security Council in 2003 in this regard;
- 2. Expresses** deep concern over the threat of the proliferation of nuclear weapons to the security and stability of the Middle East region.

3. **Expresses** deep concern over the Israeli nuclear capabilities and threats; **appeals** to the Islamic Group in Vienna to work towards the re-inclusion in the agenda of the 55<sup>th</sup> General Conference of the IAEA an agenda item entitled: “Israeli Nuclear Capabilities and Threats” and the adoption of a resolution in this regard;
4. **Reaffirms** the inalienable right of all states in full compliance with obligations emanating from the NPT to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination in accordance with the NPT provisions and the statute of the IAEA; and, in this regard **encourages** cooperation among the OIC Member States on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;
5. **Calls upon** the Facilitator Ambassador Jaakko Laajava of Finland and his team to intensify their efforts towards the convening of the International Conference at the earliest convenience;
6. **Calls** upon all Member States, including members of the Conference on Disarmament, particularly the Nuclear Weapons States (NWS), to work urgently towards a multilaterally negotiated legally binding instrument to assure unconditionally Non-Nuclear Weapons States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;
7. **Calls upon** OIC Member States to coordinate their efforts in preparation for related international conference, and to hold meetings in order to unify their position;
8. **Encourages** the work of Islamic groups especially in the UN Headquarters in New York, Geneva and Vienna, to coordinate with other regional groups including NAM and African Union, to seek support for its members’ position;
9. **Decides** to mobilize efforts of OIC Member States with the aim of establishing Nuclear Weapon Free Zone in the Middle East and **supports** the efforts of the States of the region towards this aim the latest of which is the initiative of the Arab Republic of Egypt made during the 68<sup>th</sup> UNGA Session on 28 September 2013 in New York given its clear executive steps in support of regional and international efforts aimed at creating a region free of nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East ;
10. **Urges** the United States, the United Kingdom and the Russian Federation as the cosponsors of the 1995 Middle East Resolution and the UN Secretary General to expedite the implementation of their responsibilities assigned to them by the 2010 NPT Review Conference and, in this context, to convene the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction without any further delay in order to avoid any negative repercussions on the credibility of the NPT and its 2015 review process;
11. **Decides** to include in the agenda of the Ministerial conferences an item entitled “Israeli Nuclear Capabilities and Threats;”

**12. Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 28/43-POL on Condemnation of Zionist Regime for Possession  
of Nuclear Capability to Develop Nuclear Arsenals**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Reaffirming** the principled positions of the OIC on nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation reflected in various OIC Resolutions and Declarations the latest of which was Resolution No. 34/37-POL of the 37<sup>th</sup> CFM,

**Reaffirming further** the relevant provisions of the Final Document of Sixteen Summit of Non-Aligned Movement, held in Tehran on 26-31 August 2012,

**Gravely concerned** by the statement made by the Prime Minister of Israel, in which he acknowledged publicly the possession of nuclear weapons by its regime,

1. **Condemns** in the strongest terms the possession of nuclear capability by Israeli regime to develop nuclear arsenals;
2. **Stresses** the need for the international community to take urgent and practical steps in the relevant international fora, in particular the 2012 Conference on Establishment of a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone in the Middle East, to compel Israel to abandon its clandestine nuclear weapons program and other weapons of mass destructions;
3. **Expresses** its grave concern over the clandestine nuclear activities and acquisition of nuclear weapon capability by Israel, which poses a serious and continuing threat to the international peace and security as well as the security of neighboring and other States, and condemns it for continuing to develop and stockpile nuclear arsenals;
4. **Urges** the international community to exert pressure on Israel to renounce possession of its nuclear weapons, to accede to the NPT without further delay and any conditions, to place promptly all its unsafeguarded nuclear facilities under IAEA full-scope safeguards;
5. **Reiterates** its support for the establishment in the Middle East of a zone free from all weapons of mass destruction. To this end, the OIC reaffirms the need for the speedy establishment of a Nuclear-Weapons-Free-Zone in the Middle East, in accordance with relevant resolutions of the UN General Assembly and Security Council.
6. **Reiterates that** all states, including developed countries, should refrain from any discriminatory behavior that prevents Members of the NPT and the IAEA to peaceful use of nuclear energy;
7. **Calls for** the total and complete prohibition of the transfer of all nuclear-related equipment, information, material and facilities, resources or devices and the extension

of assistance in the nuclear related scientific or technological fields to Israel. In this regard, expresses its serious concern over the continuing development whereby its scientists are provided access to the nuclear facilities of one Nuclear Weapon States (NWS) and believes that this development will have potentially serious negative implications on security in the region as well as the reliability of the global non-proliferation regime;

8. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a progressive report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No .29/43-POL on Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Noting** the highest interests in nuclear disarmament on the part of international community to pursue concrete practical actions to achieve a world free from nuclear weapons,

**Reiterating** that the continued existence of nuclear weapons represents the most serious threat to humanity,

**Convinced** that nuclear disarmament and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons are essential to remove the danger of nuclear war,

**Reiterating** that highest priority accorded to nuclear disarmament in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly and by the international community,

**Recognizing** that there now exist conditions for the establishment of a world free from nuclear weapons, and stressing the need to take concrete practical steps towards achieving this goal,

**Bearing in mind** paragraph 50 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament, which called for the urgent negotiation of agreements for the cessation of the qualitative improvement and development of nuclear-weapon systems, and for a comprehensive and phased programme with agreed time frames, wherever feasible, for the progressive and balanced reduction of nuclear weapons, leading to their ultimate and complete elimination at the earliest possible time,

**Determined** to achieve a nuclear weapons convention on the prohibition of the development, testing, production, stockpiling, transfer, use and threat of use of nuclear weapons and on their destruction, and to conclude such an international convention at an early date,

**Recalling** the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons, issued on 8 July 1996, and welcoming the unanimous reaffirmation by all Judges of the Court that there exists an obligation for all States to pursue in good faith and bring to conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control,

**Reaffirming** the need for urgent concrete actions by Nuclear-Weapon States to achieve the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons within a specified framework of time, and urging them to take further measures for progress on nuclear disarmament,

**Recalling** the United Nations Millennium Declaration, in which Heads of States and Governments resolved to strive for elimination of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear Weapons,

**Reaffirming** that the total elimination of nuclear weapons is the only absolute guarantee against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

**Taking into consideration** the unequivocal undertaking by the Nuclear-Weapon States in the Final Document of the 2000 and 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty, to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals leading to nuclear disarmament,

**Welcoming** the convening of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament, on 26 September 2013, and recognizing its contribution to furthering the objective of the total elimination of nuclear weapons, and encouraging the OIC Member States to actively contribute to the follow-up process of this meeting,

**Reaffirming** the importance of the application of the principles of transparency, verifiability and irreversibility by Nuclear-Weapon States in all measures relating to nuclear disarmament,

- 1. Acknowledges** the importance of General Assembly Resolution 68/32 on follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament and welcomes the declaration of 26 September as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons devoted to this objective and supports the call by the Assembly for the early conclusion of a comprehensive convention on nuclear weapons and its decision to convene a United Nations high-level international conference on nuclear disarmament to review the progress made in this regard no later than 2018;
- 2. Recognizes** that all the Nuclear-Weapon States should take effective disarmament measures to achieve the total elimination of these weapons at the earliest possible time;
- 3. Expresses** deep concern about nuclear warhead modernization programmes being pursued by major possessors of nuclear weapons and plans for deployment of new type of destabilizing weapon systems by them in various regions of the world.
- 4. Underlines** the Urgent need for concrete, transparent, verifiable and irreversible steps to realize the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons;
- 5. Supports** the initiative of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the adoption of the Universal Declaration of a Nuclear-Weapons-free World in prospect as an important step towards the adoption of the Nuclear Weapons Convention;

6. **Calls upon** the Conference on Disarmament to establish, as soon as possible and as the highest priority an ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament in 2015, and to commence substantive negotiations on a phased programme of nuclear disarmament leading to the total elimination of nuclear weapons by 2025.
7. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a progressive report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 30/43-POL On the Reform of the United Nations and Expansion  
of UN Security Council's Membership**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Recalling** all Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and Foreign Ministers Conference on the subject,

**Recalling also** all previous OIC resolutions, in particular Resolution 11/11-P (IS) adopted at the 11<sup>th</sup> OIC Summit, Resolutions 17/34-P, 19/35-P, 20/36-P and 26/37, adopted respectively at the 34<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Foreign Ministers Meetings,

**Bearing in mind** the provisions of paragraphs No. 145 to 152 of final communiqué of the

Annual Coordination Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the OIC Member States at the UN Headquarters in New York on 25 September 2009,

**Recalling** also Paragraphs 64 to 75 of the Final Document of XII NAM Summit in Durban adopted on 3 September 1998, the paragraphs related to the Security Council reform in the Declaration adopted at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held in Harare in June 1997 as well as in the Working Paper of the Arab Group adopted by the Arab Foreign Ministers in New York on 29 September 1997,

**Mindful** of the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation, especially the objectives of promoting Islamic solidarity among Member States and strengthening their capacity to safeguard their security, sovereignty and independence,

**Reaffirming** that the United Nations is an indispensable and irreplaceable global mechanism for the promotion of a shared vision of a more secure and prosperous world, and has the central role in the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of international cooperation,

**Stressing** the significant importance of multilateralism in addressing the common threats and challenges facing the common destiny of Human kind in our increasingly interconnected and globalizing world,

**Expressing** grave concern over the policies which have prevented the UN Security Council from performing its main duty which is to maintain global peace and security and thus undermining its credibility,

**Rejecting** the dominant interventionist paradigm and tendencies which constitutes a real threat to the world community and maintenance of international peace and security;

**Stressing** that any reform of the United Nations, including Security Council reform, should be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the UN Charter and with widest consensus,

**Affirming** also the importance of regular consultations with OIC Member States to advance their interests in this process,

**Emphasizing** the importance of transparency effectiveness, accountability, and all inclusiveness of deliberations on UN reform,

**Stressing** that the OIC's demand for adequate representation in the Security Council is in keeping with the significant demographic and political weight of the OIC Member States, which bears particular importance, not only from the perspective of increased efficiency, but also to ensure the representation of the main forms of civilization in the Security Council,

**Reaffirming** its principled position that any reform of the Security Council must ensure adequate representation of the OIC Member States in any category of membership in an expanded Security Council,

- 1. Takes note of** the position of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for refusing its nonpermanent membership of the UN Security Council based on total realization of the inability of the United Nations and the Security Council to address Islamic issues notably the cause of Palestine and the Syrian crisis and affirms its full readiness to discuss any proposal giving the United Nations and the Security Council in particular more credibility to make its work effective and strengthen its performance in a manner that allows it to achieve its huge responsibility for international peace and security;
- 2. Affirms** the importance of the ongoing process of UN reform and stresses that the OIC Member States have a direct and vital interest in determining the outcome of UN reform, therefore calls on all OIC Member States to actively and effectively take part in the UN Security Council reform process, in accordance with the relevant declarations, statements and resolutions issued by the OIC;
- 3. Notes** the progress in the UN reform process including in particular the establishment of the Peace-building Commission, the Human Rights Council and UN Woman encourages the OIC Member States of these bodies to protect and promote the interests of the Islamic world in the work of these bodies;

4. **Reaffirms** the irreplaceable role of the United Nations and the necessity of ensuring the equal participation of all Member States in its activities, in a transparent and multilateral manner, guided by the UN Charter and founded on universally recognized principles;
5. **Underlines** the need, in UN reform, for evolving common perceptions and agreed approaches to address both the new and existing threats to international peace and security in the context of multilateralism;
6. **Stresses** that the UN Security Council reform must be comprehensive in all its aspects, must avoid piecemeal approaches and have to take into account the views of the United Nations membership, including that of the OIC Member States;
7. **Emphasizes** the importance of enhancing the transparency, effectiveness, accountability, representativeness and democratization of the Security Council through the improvement of its working methods and its decision-making process;
8. **Supports** the expansion of the Security Council's membership, in accordance with the relevant UNGA resolutions, sovereign equality of all States and adequate representation of major civilizations;
9. **Reiterates** the need for the full observance of the Charter of the United Nations and the unrestricted application of all the principles and the achievement of the purposes that it enshrines, and underscores the need to preserve and promote the centrality, inviolability and sanctity of the Charter's principles and purposes, in particular the principles of respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States, in any drive for the UN reform;
10. **Expresses its deep concern** that certain recommendations and concepts, such as the responsibility to protect, new interpretation of Article 51 of UN Charter in terms of authorizing anticipatory attacks, lack of focus on nuclear disarmament as well as discriminatory restrictions on peaceful use of nuclear technology are inconsistent with UN Charter, in contradiction with the provisions of international law and against the internationally recognized principles;
11. **Rejects** any recommendation or initiative, in the process of UN reform, which may, in one way or another, violate the principles and purposes of the UN Charter or contradict the Member States sovereignty, political independence and the principle of non-interference;
12. **Emphasizes** that the process of United Nations reform should evolve on the basis of all relevant inputs, particularly that of the OIC Member States' view points and concerns;
13. **Stresses** that the UNSC members should act in full transparency and accountability and should be accountable for their unlawful decisions as well as its repeated failure with regard to issues related to the Muslim Ummah;
14. **Expresses** its deep concern that the issues pertaining to the threats of clash, militarism and the propensity to use force have to be assessed and properly addressed and emphasizes that in addressing a new consensus on collective security

the concept of dialogue, particularly the need to the paradigm of “dialogue among civilizations”, already approved by the UN General Assembly, noble goal of the UN Alliance of Civilizations as the most efficient means to tackle the growing threat of clash, should be given high priority;

15. **Emphasizes** the necessity of representation of major civilizations in the UN Security Council and, taking into account the fact that the OIC is the largest organization after the UN, which brings together one-fifth of the world population;
16. **Reaffirms** its decision that any reform proposal which neglects the adequate representation of the Islamic Ummah in any category of membership in an extended Security Council will not be acceptable to the Islamic World;
17. **Underlines** the significant importance of achieving comprehensive reform of UN Security Council with the broadest possible agreement, through constructive negotiation between all UN Member States, based on convergence on principles and criteria for reform, as well as the need to enlarge the Council, to increase the representation of developing countries, and to improve the working methods and transparency of the Council's work, and stresses in that regard the importance of further constructive consultations between all UN Member States to agree on a common basis, the principles and framework for further progress;
18. **Affirms** in this regard the continuation of intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters in the informal plenary of the General Assembly in accordance with the relevant Resolutions and Decisions of the General Assembly;
19. **Notes** that the position of the OIC on the reform of the Security Council has been reiterated and conveyed by the OIC Chair to the chair of the negotiations process through his letter of 23 April 2009 and 8 February 2010, and requests the Permanent Representatives of OIC to convey the contents of this resolution to IGN Chair;
20. **Reiterates** that the UN Security Council should stick to its Charter-based mandate and refrain to address issues which do not fall within its function and powers, and *opposes* attempts by the Security Council against any State with the aim of achieving the political objectives of one or a few States, rather than in the general interest of the international community;
21. **Reaffirms** that both reform and expansion of the membership of the Security Council, including the question of the veto and the working methods of the Security Council, should be considered as integral parts of a common and comprehensive package, taking into account the principle of sovereign equality of States and equitable geographical distribution;
22. **Further reaffirms** that efforts at the restructuring of the Security Council shall not be subjected to any artificial deadlines, and that a decision on this issue should be made by consensus;

23. **Reaffirms** the resolve of the Member States to continue contributing actively and constructively to the consideration of the UN reform;
24. **Requests** the OIC open-ended Contact Group on UN Reform and Expansion of the Security Council at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to continue to closely coordinate the positions of the OIC Member States promoting the comprehensive reform of the Security Council on the above basis and to ensure equitable representation for OIC countries in any category in the enlarged Security Council in proportion to their membership of the United Nations;
25. **Requests** the Secretary-General to submit a report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 31/43-POL on the Negative Impact of Economic and Financial Sanctions on the Full Enjoyment of Human Rights by People of the Targeted Countries**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Guided by** the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation, particularly those that call for promotion of Islamic Solidarity among Member States, taking necessary measures to support international peace and security founded on justice, and respecting the sovereignty and independence of each Member State, as well as the principles and practices regarding respect for self-determination of peoples, and achieving coordination and cooperation in addressing Islamic Ummah problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and in promoting respect for human rights;

**Recalling** the relevant OIC resolutions, expressing deep concern at the negative impacts of economic and financial sanctions on economic cooperation, the freedom of trade, the free flow of capital at the regional and international levels, the full enjoyment of human rights;

**Taking note** that the human cost of sanctions is a cause for genuine concern, and the deprivation suffered by civilian populations under sanctions regimes is violation of human rights including economic, social, and cultural rights;

**Gravely concerned** over the application of economic and financial sanctions against some OIC members, with all their negative implications for the socio-humanitarian activities and economic and social development of those States, thereby creating additional obstacles to the full enjoyment of all human rights by peoples and individuals under their jurisdiction;

**Reaffirming** that economic and financial sanctions are one of the major obstacles to the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development;

1. **Condemns** the continued imposition of economic sanctions by certain powers as tools of political or economic pressure against some Islamic countries, with a view to preventing these countries from exercising their right to decide of their own free will, their own political, economic and social systems; and **calls on** Member States not to respond to pressure from certain influential states to apply unilateral sanctions on Member States that are subject to those sanctions.
2. **Also condemns** the negative impact of economic sanctions concerning the implementation of the right to development.
3. **Invites** the research institutions and think tanks of OIC Member States to pay due attention to the negative impact and consequences of economic and financial sanctions and do research on the relationship between economic sanctions and human rights accountability;

4. **Takes note** of the comprehensive report including its recommendations contained in Document No. OIC/IPHRC/REP/ECO-SANC/2014/CFM-41, prepared by the OIC IPHRC on negative impacts and consequences of economic and financial sanctions on enjoyment of all human rights by people of the OIC targeted Member States;
5. **Reaffirms** that economic and financial measures should not be used as tools for political coercion and that under no circumstances should people be deprived of their own means of subsistence and development;
6. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat to gather information statistics on the harmful consequences of economic and financial sanctions in order to submit a report thereon, and to coordinate with the Member States to convene a symposium on the economic and financial sanctions and their impact on the Member States;
7. **Invites** the OIC Groups in New York and Geneva to coordinate and raise the issue under appropriate agenda items and resolutions to highlight its negative impact on the Member States;
8. **Welcome** the holding of the International Seminar by IPHRC on “Negative Impacts of Economic and financial Sanctions on the full enjoyment of Human Rights by the People of Targeted Countries” in Tehran Islamic Republic of Iran, on 15-16 December 2014;
9. **Requests** the Secretary General to hold a meeting of experts to examine the proposal of establishing a monitoring mechanisms within the OIC General Secretariat and make concrete recommendations on the possible follow-up to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFM;
10. **Takes note** of the comprehensive outcome document of the IPHRC International Seminar on “Negative Impact of Economic and Financial Sanctions on the full enjoyment of Human Rights by the people of targeted Countries” on 15-16 December 2015; and recommends the OIC General Secretariat to consider establishing a monitoring mechanism to assess the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the full enjoyment of human rights by the people within OIC targeted Member States.
11. **Encourages** OIC-IPHRC to establish contacts with the UN Mechanisms on Unilateral Coercive Measures and share relevant information and reports on the subject with the General Secretariat;
12. **Requests** the OIC Groups as well as OIC Missions in New York and Geneva to present the outcome Document of the above-mentioned Seminar as a UN document, and further **requests** them to follow up its recommendations and suggestions within the relevant items in the context of the UN deliberation;
13. **Requests** the Secretary General to hold an expert meeting to study the proposal of establishing a monitoring mechanism within the OIC General Secretariat and make concrete recommendations on the possible follow up to the 44<sup>th</sup> CFM;

14. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;
15. **Decides** to include this question in the agenda of its next session on a priority basis.

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## **Resolution No. 32/43-POL on the Combating Islamophobia and Eliminating Hatred and Prejudice against Islam**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Reaffirming** the valuable contribution of Islam to the human civilization, in particular by encouraging the promotion of dialogue and mutual understanding, genuine mutual respect in human exchanges and civilized discourse based on reason and logic; **recognizing** that moderation is an important value and a common approach to countering all forms of extremism, including Islamophobia towards promoting dialogue, mutual respect, understanding, tolerance, and acceptance.

**Recalling** the OIC objectives, in particular to endeavor to eliminate discrimination in all its forms and to preserve the dignity of all Muslims,

**Recalling** that States have the obligation to prohibit by law any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence,

**Recalling** relevant international instruments on the elimination of various forms of discrimination, as well as all relevant resolutions adopted by the UN Human Rights Council and the UN General Assembly expressing grave concern at the instances of deliberate stereotyping of religions, their adherents and sacred persons in the media and by political parties and groups in some societies, and at the associated provocation and political exploitation,

**Reaffirming** all OIC resolutions on the subject, which stress, inter alia, the need for effectively combating defamation of Islam and incitement to religious hatred, hostility, violence and discrimination against Islam and Muslims, as well as the growing trend of Islamophobia, as well as the UN Human Rights Council's resolution 16/18 of March 2011 and subsequent resolutions sponsored by OIC and the UN General Assembly resolution 67/178,

**Underscoring** the significant importance of and the need for using religious and cultural diversity for promotion of international peace and security and avoiding their abuse to incite hatred, hostility, discrimination, prejudice and confrontation.

**Expressing** concern over the increased level of Islamophobia in some western countries,

**Recognizing** the importance of interfaith and intercultural dialogue, as an effective mechanism to combat extremism and incitement to hatred based on religion,

**Noting with concern** that defamation of Islam could lead to social disharmony and violations of human rights and alarmed at the inaction of some parts of the world to

combat this continuing trend and resulting discriminatory practices against Muslim, **Recalling** the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance adopted by the Member States of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on 16 November 1995,

**Taking note** of UN General Assembly Resolutions 66/3, 66/154, 66/167 and 66/208, which stress the importance of cultural diversity and address the necessity for combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization and discrimination,

**Also recalling** its resolution 21-PFR/8 on the fight against Intolerance, Islamophobia and Xenophobia adopted on 22 January 2013,

**Bearing in mind** that, successful fight against all forms and manifestations of discrimination and intolerance requires concerted efforts of the international community as a whole,

**Taking note of** the report of the Secretary General on the subject,

1. **Affirms** categorically the firm determination of Member States to continue their effective cooperation and close consultations to combat Islamophobia, defamation of all divine religions, and incitement to hatred, hostility and discrimination against Muslims;
2. **Expresses** its deep concern at the instances of intolerance, discrimination and acts of violence against Islam and Muslims in many parts of the world, in addition to negative projection and stereotyping of Islam and Muslims in the international media through associating them with violence, terrorism and human rights violations;
3. **Denounces** categorically the overall rise in intolerance and discrimination against Muslim Community and Minorities in Non-OIC Member States, in particular in the West, including by enacting and oppressive application of restrictive laws and policies, religious profiling and other measures, carried out under a variety of pretexts relating to security and illegal immigration;
4. **Express** its deep concern over all Islamophobic acts and legislations, including the ban on the construction of minarets in Switzerland, the prohibition of Muslim perceived attire and attacks on religious places, which contradict the International Human Rights norms as well as the principle of Freedom of Religions, and urges the governments concerned, in line with their obligations under international law, to take all necessary measure to repeal such laws so as to ensure the rights of the Muslim Communities living within their jurisdiction;
5. **Condemns strongly** the latest incidents and attempts to denigrate the sanctity of the Holy Prophet of Islam and Islamic Symbols under the garb of freedom of speech, which is inconsistent with the spirit of articles 19 & 20 of ICCPR.

6. **Reiterates** the need to refrain from targeting Islamic figures and reputable religious institutions with a long-standing history in disseminating the noble spirit and high morals of Islam throughout the world, which contradicts the principles of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, established to safeguard Islamic symbols and common heritage.
7. **Stresses** the need to prevent the abuse of freedom of expression and press for insulting Islam and other divine religions and the necessity to ensure that the right to freedom of expression should be exercised by all, in particular the media, with responsibility and in accordance with the law;
8. **Calls upon** all Member States to support the initiative for a “Global Movement of Moderates” to amplify the voices of moderation over extremism, including Islamophobia towards eliminating hatred and prejudice in Islam.
9. **Reaffirms** that all Islamophobic acts are contemporary form of racism and discrimination, constitute an affront to human dignity and violate the internationally recognized human rights norms and standards;
10. **Calls upon** all States to prevent any advocacy of religious discrimination, hostility or violence and defamation of Islam by incorporating legal and administrative measures which render defamation illegal and punishable by law, and also urges all Member States to adopt specific and relevant educational measures at all levels;
11. **Commends** the proposal to launch an OIC satellite channel and urges the new channel to promote investment in the media to fight Islamophobia, defamation of religions and related intolerance in this regard;
12. **Calls for** the implementation of the Strategy on Combating Islamophobia adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit and the importance of expediting its decision on developing “a legally binding international instrument to prevent intolerance, discrimination, prejudice and hatred on the grounds of religion, and defamation of religions and to promote and ensure the respect of all religions”;
13. **Takes note with appreciation** of the legal advice and conclusions of the Panel of Eminent Persons, held on 7 & 8 January 2013, in Istanbul and requests the Secretary-General to commission the studies recommended by the Panel as a matter of priority ;
14. **Requests** the Panel of Eminent Persons to continue its work in close coordination with the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) to address the malaise of Islamophobia;
15. **Welcomes** adoption of a comprehensive study ‘Countering Islamophobia: An Unfinished Business’ during the 8th Regular session pursuant to the CFM Resolution no. 32/42-POL and urges the General Secretariat to consider and

incorporate policy recommendations provided in the study for devising a comprehensive strategy on Islamophobia;

16. **Welcomes**, in this regard, convening of the 5<sup>th</sup> round of the Istanbul Process in Jeddah in June 2015, which reviewed the progress on the implementation of the eight action plan unanimously agreed upon under Human Rights Council resolution 16/18 and reiterates its significance as an important step in the efforts by the United Nations to counter incitement to hatred, discrimination, stigmatization and violence based on one's religion or belief and **calls for** all out efforts to preserve international consensus on this important OIC initiative.
17. **Reaffirms** the essential role of political commitment at the highest level for full and effective implementation of HRC resolution 16/18 and encourages States to pay particular attention to the importance of criminalizing incitement to violence based on religion or belief while recognizing the positive role of open, constructive and respectful debate and interfaith dialogue in this regard.
18. **Welcomes** the constructive role played by the King Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICID), based in Vienna, which has helped on enhancing and supporting efforts at both regional and international levels, towards reducing confrontation, promoting tolerance and interfaith dialogue and harmony and **urges** OIC Member States to continue to participate actively in the activities and programmes of the Center;
19. **Welcomes** the pioneering role played by Al Azhar Al Sharif Institution in combating Islamophobia across the world and in establishing an observatory for combating extremism and Islamophobia as a measure aimed at combating extremist ideologies and consolidating efforts against Islamophobia;
20. **Commends** the efforts of His Majesty King Abdullah II bin al-Hussein in holding at Amman in 2005 an international conference to discuss the manifestations of defamation of Islam, with participation of Muslim scholars from various schools which produced the Amman Message that reflected the bright image of the great Islam, highlighted the principles of tolerance, moderation and temperance and its keenness for dialogue with the other for the good and progress human society. Also **commends** the efforts seeking the promotion of mutual understanding and harmony among religions. Further **appreciates** the numerous initiatives of His Majesty on bridge building and elimination of misconception among followers of different religions, including the World Interfaith Harmony Week endorsed by the UN General Assembly in October 2010, according to which the first week of each February was declared the Interfaith Harmony Week, and **welcomes** endeavors by the OIC Member States in celebrating the events and activities of this week.
21. **Expresses satisfaction** for the work and regular reporting by the OIC Islamophobia Observatory in the General Secretariat in monitoring Islamophobic incidents and

**requests** the Secretary General to further activate the Islamophobia Observatory and to submit an annual report on hatred, discrimination, hostility, violence and intolerance against Muslims and defamatory acts against Islam or its sacred personalities, in a timely manner, preferably before the Annual Session of the Human Rights Council in March, and ensure wide circulation of the report including to the High Commissioner for Human Rights and all relevant Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council;

22. **Requests** the Secretary General to keep on engaging constructively with all stakeholders, and influential public opinion makers, particularly in the West, with a view to combating Islamophobia, religious hatred, violence, intolerance, and discrimination in the interest of creating an international environment conducive to interfaith and inter-civilizational harmony and dialogue;
23. **Welcomes** the UN General Assembly Resolution 66/161 of 18 December 2014, which contributes to universal combat against racism, xenophobia and intolerance,
24. **Shows concerns** that incidents of religious intolerance and negative stereotyping of individuals on the basis of religion or belief continue to increase around the world,
25. **Underlines** especially the growing number of racist attacks targeting Muslim community in Europe and elsewhere,
26. **Regrets** that between the years 2000-2014, almost 500 acts of Islamophobic aggression of various forms have taken place in Western Europe alone,
27. **Observes** that prejudices and misunderstandings amongst different cultures continue to constitute principal reasons of conflicts,
28. **Emphasizes** that inter-cultural and inter-faith dialogue are important for promotion of tolerance,
29. **Underlines** that the role of human rights, fundamental freedoms and democratic institutions are crucial in creating an environment conducive for inter-cultural and inter-religious understanding,
30. **Urges** OIC Member States to take effective measures to address and combat Islamophobia as well as xenophobia,
31. **Calls upon** the international community to exert more effort for promoting an effective inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue,
32. **Encourages** States to raise awareness especially among youth about the risk of intolerance, xenophobia and Islamophobia,
33. **Reaffirms** parliamentarians' responsibility to publicly denounce xenophobia, intolerance and discrimination.

- 34. Decides** to include this item in the agenda of its regular sessions and requests the Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a comprehensive report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 33/43-POL on Combating Defamation of Religions**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Reaffirming** the call in the OIC Charter to foster noble Islamic values concerning moderation, tolerance, respect for diversity, preservation of Islamic symbols and common heritage and to defend the universality of Islamic religion,

**Reaffirming** objectives of the OIC, in particular to protect and defend the true image of Islam, to combat defamation of Islam, to eliminate discrimination and encourage dialogue among civilization and religions,

**Aware** of the serious nature of the defamation of all religions and the need to promote the fight against these phenomena, inter alia, by promoting mutual understanding through interreligious, inter-cultural and inter-civilizational dialogue,

**Recalling** OIC resolution entitled, “Combating Defamation of Religions” adopted by successive Sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, including resolution 36/39-POL adopted by the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers,

**Reaffirming** the commitment of all States to the implementation, in an integrated manner, of the United Nations Global Counter-terrorism Strategy, which clearly reaffirms, inter alia, that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or group, as well as the need to reinforce the commitment of the international community to promote, among other things, a culture of peace and respect for all religions, beliefs and cultures and to prevent the defamation of religions,

**Recalling** the objectives and principles of the OIC Charter, especially those on promoting and defending unified position on issues of common interest in the international fora,

**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,

**Expressing concern** on the practice, on the part of some Member States being absent, abstaining or not voting in favour of the resolutions supported by OIC on this matter of critical importance,

1. **Expresses deep concern** at the intensification of the overall campaign of defamation of Islam, including the ethnic and religious profiling of Muslim minorities in the aftermath of the tragic events of September 11, 2001;

2. **Expresses deep concern** in this respect that Islam is frequently and wrongly associated with human rights violations and terrorism, and in this regard, regrets the laws or administrative measures specifically designed to control and monitor Muslim minorities, thereby stigmatizing them and legitimizing the discrimination, they experience;
3. **Expresses deep concern** at the negative and deliberate stereotyping and defamation of Islam and Muslims which has led to intolerance against Muslims as well as use of print, audio-visual and electronic media, including the internet, and any other means to incite acts of violence, xenophobia, and related intolerance and discrimination against Islam and Islamic religious symbols, and venerated personalities;
4. **Expressing deep concern** at the use of internet, information, communications technology, entertainment media such as movies, videos and digital games for disseminating ideas to ridicule, insult, or defame Islamic Religious symbols and venerated personalities, promote religious intolerance, advocate Islamophobia and incitement to violence and hatred through negative and incorrect depiction of Muslims and Islamic States and in this context, urges all member states to forcefully take up this matter with relevant partners and fora;
5. **Strongly deplores** all acts of psychological and physical violence and assaults, and incitement thereto, against Muslims and acts directed against their business, properties, cultural centers and places of worship, as well as targeting of holy sites, religious symbols and venerated personalities of Islam;
6. **Recognizes** that, in the context of the fight against terrorism, defamation of Islam and Muslims has become an aggravating factor that contributes to the denial of fundamental rights and freedoms of Muslims and leads to their economic and social exclusion;
7. **Emphasizes** that, as stipulated in international human rights, law, including articles 19 and 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and articles 19 and 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, everyone has the right to hold opinions without interference and the right to freedom of expression, the exercise of which carries with it special duties and responsibilities and may therefore be subject to limitations only as provided for by law and are necessary for respect of the rights or reputations of others, protection of national security or of public order, public health or morals and general welfare;
8. **Reaffirms** that general comment No. 15 of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in which the Committee stipulated that the prohibition of the dissemination of all ideas based upon racial superiority or hatred is compatible with freedom of opinion and expression, is equally applicable to the question of incitement to religious hatred;

9. **Welcomes** the establishment of the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICID) in Vienna aimed at enhancing and supporting efforts at both regional and international levels, towards reducing confrontation, promoting tolerance and interfaith dialogue and harmony and urges OIC Member States to participate effectively in the activities and programmes of the Center. It also welcomed the efforts of the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions which aim to foster a culture of tolerance and mutual respect, as opposed the ideology of hatred and extremism.
10. **Commends** the efforts of His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein towards promoting mutual understanding and interfaith harmony; and expresses its appreciation of the various initiatives of His Majesty aimed at building communication bridges and eliminating stereotypes among the followers of different religions, including the “World Interfaith Harmony Week” initiative endorsed by the UN General Assembly on 20 October 2010 by virtue of resolution No. A/RES/65/5, which declares the first week of February of every year as a World Interfaith Harmony Week.
11. **Takes note** of the adoption by consensus of Resolution 16/18 on “Combating Intolerance Negative Stereotyping and Stigmatization of, and Discrimination, Incitement of Violence, and Violence Against Persons Based on Religion or Belief adopted by consensus at the 16th Session of the Human Rights Council and adoption of Corresponding Resolution 67/178 in the 67th Session of UN General Assembly;
12. **Appreciates** the efforts and the relevant activities of the Secretary General and the work of the OIC Groups in the United Nations particularly the OIC Working Group on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva for their valuable contribution to protect and promote the common interests of the OIC Member States and requests them to continue their activities in line with this resolution;
13. **Welcomes** the Secretary’s General’s proposals contained in the Human Rights Council resolution 16/18, to foster a domestic environment of religious tolerance, peace and respect - with particular reference to adopting measures to criminalize incitement to imminent violence based on religion or belief - and the steps taken for implementation of these proposals;
14. **Supports** the Istanbul Process which aims to ensure the implementation of the UN Human Rights Council Resolution 16/18 and which has, so far, proved to be successful in developing common understanding on the elimination of intolerance based on religion.
15. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter as a top priority item on the agenda of all OIC Summits and Council of Foreign Ministers;
16. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 34/43-POL on Condemnation of Desecration of the Holy Quran**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Reaffirming** the commitment made by all States under the Charter of the United Nations to promote and encourage universal respect for the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

**Reaffirming** objectives of the OIC, in particular to protect and defend the true image of Islam, to combat defamation of Islam and encourage dialogue among civilization and religions,

**Recalling** all relevant OIC resolutions on combating Islamophobia and eliminating hatred and prejudice against Islam, defamation of religions, the UN General Assembly resolution 66/167 and the Human Rights Council resolution 16/18 of March 2011,

**Noting** with deep concern the continuing instances of intolerance, discrimination, profiling, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, religious hatred and violence against Muslims as well as denigration of their religion, Prophet (PBUH), Holy Book and symbols occurring in many parts of the world,

**Recognizing** that all civilizations share and possess basic human values and that cultural and religious diversity and the pursuit of socio-cultural development by all peoples and nations are a source of mutual enrichment for the socio-cultural life of humankind,

**Reiterating** the importance of promoting dialogue, understanding and cooperation among religions, cultures and civilizations for peace and harmony in the world and *welcoming* all international and regional initiatives and efforts in this regard,

**Stressing** the need to ensure that the right of freedom of expression should be exercised by all, with responsibility and in accordance with the relevant international human rights laws and instruments,

**Deeply concerned** at the inaction of some states in combating the burgeoning trend of defamation of Islam and the resulting discriminatory practices against Muslims,

1. **Condemns** in the strongest possible terms the despicable incident of burning of the Holy Quran in the United States in March 2011, and in other parts of the world, the despicable acts of the release of defamatory video “Innocence of Muslims” and the publication of offensive caricatures of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), which violates the freedom of religion and belief guaranteed by international Human Rights instruments and has deeply offended more than a billion Muslims and of all people of conscience around the world,

2. **Deplores strongly** all instances of deliberated and highly provocative blasphemous campaigns against Islam and the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) carried out anywhere in the world by any individual; the continued serious instances of derogatory stereotyping, negative profiling and stigmatization of persons based on their religion or beliefs; and programmes and agendas pursued by extremist organizations and groups aimed at creating and perpetrating negative stereotypes about religious groups, in particular when condoned by Government and calls on the Governments concerned to take immediate steps to stop and prevent these inciting hateful and unacceptable acts;
3. **Expresses** its deep concern over the overall rise in Islamophobic acts intolerance, discrimination and violence based on religion, as well as on negative stereotyping of individuals on the basis of religion or belief which contradict the International Human Rights norms as well as the principle of Freedom of Religions, and urges that Governments, in line with their obligations under international human rights law, to take all appropriate measures including necessary legislation against these acts that lead to incitement to hatred, discrimination and violence against persons based on their religion;
4. **Calls upon** Member States to support the demand by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, for the adoption of a UN resolution condemning any state, group or individual attacking divine religions, prophets and messengers (peace and prayers be upon them), and providing for deterring sanctions;
5. **Recognizes** that the open public debate of ideas, as well as interfaith and intercultural dialogue at the local, national and international levels can play a positive role in strengthening democracy and combating religious hatred;
6. **Call upon** States to adopt measures and policies to promote the full respect and protection for places of worship, religious sites and religious scriptures, cemeteries and shrines, and to take measures in cases where they are vulnerable to vandalism or destruction;
7. **Calls** for political leadership and strengthened international efforts to foster a global dialogue for the promotion of culture of tolerance and peace at all levels, based on respect for human rights and diversity of religions and beliefs, and urges States, nongovernmental organizations and religious leaders as well as the print and electronic media to support and foster such a dialogue;
8. **Welcomes** in this respect the steps taken by the OIC Secretary General to engage constructively with all stakeholders, and influential public opinion makers, particularly in the West, with a view to combating Islamophobia by evolving a comprehensive strategy in the interest of creating an international environment conducive to interfaith and inter civilizational harmony and requests to continue these efforts;

9. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a comprehensive report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 35/43-POL on the Cooperation and Coordination between the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation and other International and Regional Organizations and Groupings**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Welcoming** the progress in enhancing multilateral cooperation towards promoting peace, security and stability in Asia, within the framework of the conference on interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA),

**Welcoming** the initiative of the President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev to create a new communication platform G-Global as the most influential force in setting international economic policy through the expanding the number of countries participating in the search for global anti-crisis solutions and calls upon the OIC General Secretariat and IDB in coordination with other OIC relevant institutions to consider the issue of participation in G-Global;

**Also welcoming** the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the OIC and the Council of Turkic Speaking States (CTSS) which will pave the way to obtain CTSS observer status in the OIC;

1. **Invites** all Member States to support continued efforts to deepen dialogue between the OIC and other international organizations;
2. **Encourages** the OIC General Secretariat to further strengthen cooperation between the OIC and various international and regional organizations and groupings taking into account views of the OIC Member States.
3. **Requests** the Secretary General that in line with the strengthening relations and cooperation with other regional and international organization, to consider ways of having closer relations with the conference on interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) through, inter alia, applying for the observer status to and concluding Memorandum of Understanding with the CICA.

**Resolution No. 36/43-POL on the Strengthening Cooperation between the OIC  
and the United Nations**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Recalling** the ongoing cooperation between the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the United Nations (UN) in different fields, in particular peace, security, humanitarian assistance and refugees and the promotion of dialogue among civilizations;

**Recalling also** the general meeting on cooperation between the Secretariats of the OIC and the UN and their specialized organizations, held in Geneva on 1 – 3 May 2012;

**Convinced** that the strengthening of cooperation between the OIC and the UN contributes to the promotion of the purposes and principles enshrined in the OIC Charter;

**Noting** with appreciation the determination of the two organizations to strengthen further their existing cooperation through, inter alia, the biennial cooperation mechanism mutually agreed upon;

**Noting** with satisfaction the convening, for the first time in the history of the United Nations and Organization of Islamic Cooperation, on 28 October 2013 under the Presidency of the Republic of Azerbaijan of a special meeting entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and sub-regional organizations in maintaining international peace and security strengthening the partnership synergy between the UN and Organization of Islamic Cooperation”;

**Welcoming** the statement of the President of the Security Council (S/PRST/2013.16, dated 28 October 2013);

1. **Emphasizes** its high appreciations to H.E. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan for his initiative supported by the former OIC Secretary General, Professor Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, which led up the convening on 28 October 2013 of the special meeting entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and sub-regional organizations in maintaining international peace and security strengthening the partnership synergy between the UN and Organization of Islamic Cooperation”;
2. **Expresses** deep appreciation to the Republic of Azerbaijan for organizing and convening this historic landmark meeting, as well as for its outstanding performance and able guidance in tenure as President of the UN Security Council for the month of October 2013;
3. **Welcomes** the address of the former OIC Secretary-General, Professor Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu and attendance to that meeting by the OIC Secretary General, Mr. Iyad Ameen Madani;
4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the areas of cooperation between the two organizations as contained in the statement of the President of the United Nations Security Council and to report thereon to the next CFM.

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**Resolution No. 37/43-POL on the Participation of the OIC in the G20 Summit Meetings**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016)*

**Welcoming** the initiative of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev tabled at the opening session of the 38<sup>th</sup> session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (Astana, 28-30 June 2011) to strengthen the role of the OIC in elaboration of new ideas and decisions making at a global level through participation in G20 Summit meetings,

**Taking note** of the statement of the delegation of Kazakhstan at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Consultative Meeting of Speakers of Parliament of G20 member states (Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 25-26 February 2012) which called on participants of the meeting to support the initiative of Kazakhstan,

**Appreciating** measures taken by the Secretary General in support of the initiative of Kazakhstan, in particular, his letter sent on 23 May 2012 to Foreign Ministers of the Republic of Indonesia, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Republic of Turkey (which hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> G20 Summit on 15-16 November 2015 in Antalya), which are G20 members, with the request to raise the issue of participation of the OIC in G20 Summit meetings,

1. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States, in particular, Republic of Indonesia, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Republic of Turkey to continue coordinating their efforts aimed at participation of the OIC in G20 Summit meetings,
2. **Invites** the OIC Member States to exchange views on a possible contribution of the OIC to the agenda of G20 Summit meetings, including the issues of stabilization of the global financial system, tackling poverty and humanitarian disasters, addressing economic development of African and Asian nations, strengthening energy and food security and promoting inter-cultural dialogue,
3. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the matters incorporated into this resolution and report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFM.

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**Resolution No. 38/43-POL on Designating 5<sup>th</sup> of August of Every Year As The  
“Islamic Human Rights and Human Dignity Day”**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Faithful** to the immortal teachings of Islam concerning freedom, justice, peace, fraternity and equality among mankind, and mindful of the universality and comprehensive nature of the Islamic rules on human rights and the prominent place of Man;

**Keenly aware** of the dignity and rights to which all human beings are entitled according to the Islamic Shari’a, and cognizant that all human rights derive from the dignity and worth inherent in the human person;

**Bearing** in mind the objectives of the Charter of the OIC of promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all people;

**Believing** that fundamental rights in Islam are an integral part of the Islamic religion;

**Reaffirming** the civilizing and historical role of the Islamic Ummah which God made the best nation that has given mankind a universal and well-balanced civilization in which harmony is established between this life and the hereafter;

**Recalling** the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam stressing that mankind which has reached an advanced stage in materialistic science is still, and shall remain, in dire need of faith to support its civilization and of a self-motivating force to guard its rights;

**Underlining** that consolidating cooperation and strengthening coordination among Member States is among the central purpose of the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

**Aware** of the prevailing international circumstances and the necessity of strengthening the active cooperation and coordination among member states for exploring ways and means to disseminate, promote and preserve the Islamic teachings and values in the field of human rights, and to protect and defend the true image of Islam, to combat defamation of Islam as well as encourage dialogue among civilizations and religions; through, inter alia, selection of one day every year to be known as the “Islamic Human Rights Day” in which an opportunity is provided for the Islamic Ummah to further introduce Islamic Human Rights to the international community and to reflect upon the Muslim human rights challenges in the world today;

1.**Decides** to designate the 5<sup>th</sup> of August of every year, which is coincident with adoption of the Cairo Declaration of Human Rights in Islam, as the “Islamic Human Rights and Human Dignity Day”;

2.**Requests** the OIC Member States and the General Secretariat to observe this auspicious day that should be taken as an opportunity to take concrete measures to reinforce human rights and move it to a higher plane of dialogue, cooperation, education and awareness rising according to Islamic teachings and values. The Islamic

world will strive to realize this vision through effective and comprehensive action, in conformity with its own divine values and principles.

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**Resolution No. 39/43-POL**  
**on Monitoring Elections in the OIC Member States**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Recalling** the Resolution No. 39/41-POL adopted by the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers on Monitoring Elections in OIC Member States,

**Recalling** the relevant provisions of the Charter on democracy, good governance and human rights in Member States,

**Recalling** the Ten-Year Programme of Action aiming, in particular, at promoting the rule of law, the widening of the field of public freedoms and strengthening political participation,

**Reiterating** the relevant declarations and resolutions of the Islamic Summits and the Council of Foreign Ministers related to the promotion of the rule of law and political alternation in Member States,

**Recognizing** the importance of monitoring elections by international observers for ensuring credibility and transparency of elections in Member States,

**Reaffirming** the role of the OIC in promoting transparent and credible elections in full respect of the provisions of the Constitutions and Legislations of the Member States,

**Emphasizing** that OIC electoral observers are to be guided by a code of conduct,

1. **Commends** the Member States for their contribution to develop the Code of Conduct for OIC Election Observers;
2. **Takes note** of the meeting of the Inter Governmental Expert held at the General Secretariat on 31 January 2016 to finalize the Code of Conduct for OIC Election Observers and approves the Code of Conduct for OIC Election Observers.
3. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report, during the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, on the progress and activities of the OIC Election Observation Unit.

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**Resolution No.40/43-POL**  
**On The Establishment of New OIC Regional Offices**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Recalling** resolutions 39/38-POL and 40/38-POL adopted by the 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> sessions of Council of Foreign Ministers in Djibouti and Conakry , respectively;

**Emphasizing** the need to consolidate the OIC with the view to enhancing its capacity to achieve the objectives set out in the OIC Charter and the Ten-Year Program of Action,

**Stressing** that any regional office, including those already established, should focus its mission on areas of added value to maintain work in line with limited resources,

**Taking note** of the Secretary General's report on the establishment of new OIC regional offices,

1. **Requests** the Secretary General to continue his consultations on the second OIC office;
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 41/43-POL on Combating Terrorism and Extremism**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Recalling** the Code of Conduct for Combating International Terrorism adopted by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in 1994, and the OIC Convention on Combating Terrorism adopted by the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (*Session of Peace and Partnership for Development*) held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 28 June to 1 July 1999;

**Referring to** the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005, **reaffirming** condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and **rejecting** any justification or excuse for terrorism;

**Pursuant to** the Final Communiqué of the Open-ended Extraordinary Meeting of the OIC Executive Committee at the ministerial level held in Jeddah on 15 February 2015;

**Recalling** the principles and objectives of the United Nations Charter aimed at maintaining Peace & Security and taking effective collective measures to that end;

**Reaffirming** its strong position against any attempts to confuse just and legitimate struggle for self-determination and liberation from foreign occupation with terrorism;

**Guided** by the objectives and principles of the United Nations on preventing and combating terrorism including various relevant UNGA and UNSC resolutions, particularly resolutions 2170, 2178 and 2199 as well as the UN Counter-Terrorism Framework, including the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the obligations under the International Law;

**Concerned** about the threat posed by terrorist groups to the stability, security and territorial integrity of Member States;

**Expressing concern** over violation of human rights while countering terrorism and broader impact of armed drone attacks on individuals, psychological well-being of children, families, and communities, including interruption of education of children, undermining of religious and cultural practices and the reluctance to assist the victims of armed drone attacks for fear of being caught in secondary strikes.

**Reaffirming** the need for addressing the problem of violent extremism and recalling in this regard, the General Assembly Resolution 53/243 containing a Declaration and Plan of action to promote a Culture of peace, adopted by consensus;

1. **Reiterates** its principled position against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomsoever and wherever; and **reaffirms** its unequivocal rejection of all attempts to associate any country, race, religion, culture or nationality with terrorism.
2. **Underscores** the need for the OIC to play an effective role in international efforts to combat all aspects of terrorism, in the framework of constructive cooperation with States and international and regional organizations with influence, such as to serve the interests of OIC Member States and their peoples in eradicating terrorism and countering its risks.
3. **Condemns** the heinous terrorist crimes perpetrated against some Member States, particularly those which have recently occurred in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Afghanistan, Libya, Nigeria, Tunisia, Pakistan, Iraq, Mali, Somalia and Lebanon, Niger, Saudi Arabia, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Kuwait, Yemen and Cote d'Ivoire and; reaffirms full solidarity with the families of the victims and the wounded; and **commends** the efforts exerted by Member States to combat terrorism consistent with the OIC Charter and relevant Convention and other relevant international agreements and mechanisms, particularly the UN Charter.
4. **Condemns** the heinous terrorist acts in all parts of the world and reaffirms the OIC's principle and firm position which denounces terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and that terrorism has no religion, nationality, or race; and that the perpetrators and those behind such acts are an affront to humanity and all moral and human values.
5. **Recognizes** that terrorism cannot not be tackled by security or military means alone, and underlines the need to promote initiatives aimed at achieving peace through national reconciliation with the groups and individuals who shun violence and extremist ideas, give up terrorist acts and activities for good and recognize Islam's true values and the State's constitutional legitimacy, and to attach due attention to devising concrete and elaborate practical plans for addressing the various dimensions and root causes of terrorism as set out in the Final Communiqué of the Extraordinary Open-ended Meeting of the OIC Executive Committee held in Jeddah on 15 February 2015.
6. **The Meeting** recognized that terrorism cannot be tackled by security or military means alone, and that due attention and concrete plans of action must address the following aspects and dimensions of the phenomenon of terrorism:
  - a) The political and socio-economic contexts that bring forth conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism and violent extremism, such as continued economic deprivation, exclusion, alienation, separation and marginalization of people, and the forced dismantling of political, legal, security and socio-cultural institutions.

- b) The deep impact and legacy of historical injustices done to colonized peoples or those under occupation, their sufferings and the forced destruction of their national institutions, culture and identity, and the denial of their rights to self-determination.
  - c) The need to counter all types of radical extremist discourse in order to delegitimize the violent and manipulative acts committed in the name of religion, ideology or claims of cultural superiority.
  - d) The need to revisit the OIC relevant documents in regard to terrorism, including the Code of Conduct on Combating Terrorism, the OIC Convention on Combating International Terrorism and the numerous resolutions issued by the different organs of the OIC in order to effectively address the new trends of terrorism and extremism.
  - e) Take action at the international level with a view to holding an international conference on combating terrorism which would come up with a consensual international definition of terrorism.
  - f) The underlying causes of sectarian violence, the attempts to politicize the sectarian differences, the emphasis on sects as the essence of identity, and the waging of campaigns to convert Muslims from one sect to the other.
  - g) The potential of external actors penetrating terrorist and extremist groups for the purpose of serving their own political agenda, and the threat of non-Arab and non-Muslim foreign fighters.
  - h) The role of the media and the advent of cyber terrorism through the utilization of new information and communication technologies by terrorist groups for the purpose of recruitment and incitement to terrorism.
7. **Invites** the Secretary General, in cooperation with Member States, to develop a new approach to address the root causes of the global phenomenon of terrorism, violence and extremism, and the means to address them at the political, economic, social and intellectual levels, and heeds the complexity of the phenomenon, particularly the close interrelations between terrorist organizations in terms of the exchange of arms, fighters, financing and field expertise, as well as the intellectual and ideological framework they share.
  8. **Welcomes** the establishment of the ‘General Secretariat of Iftaa Institutions in the World’, as an international specialized body based in Dar Al-Iftaa Al-Masriya, with a view to ensuring coordination among Iftaa institutions and bodies in the the world, to address differences of opinion on Iftaas on combating terrorism and to encouraging moderation.
  9. **Underscores** the need to activate the OIC Convention on Combating Terrorism adopted in 1999 and welcomes the holding of the 1st Meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Legal Experts to revisit the OIC Convention on Combating International Terrorism held on 9-10 May 2016 in Jeddah, which considered the pre-draft “Additional Protocol” to the OIC Convention on

combating International Terrorism, addressing new trends and other areas for strengthening cooperation among the Member States.

10. **Takes note** with appreciation of the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, which refers, inter alia, to the use of remotely piloted aircraft, and notes the recommendations, including on the urgent and imperative need to seek agreement among Member States on legal questions pertaining to remotely piloted aircraft operations. And urges Member States to ensure that any measures taken or means employed to counter-terrorism, including the use of remotely piloted aircraft, comply with their obligations under international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, human rights law and international humanitarian law rules of distinction, proportionality and precaution.
11. **Requests** the Secretary General to contribute to the ongoing debate on countering terrorism, cross-border crime, and modalities to address extremist and sectarian discourse by convening conferences, symposia and workshops in cooperation with OIC Member States and its various institutions and partners, with the participation of political, religious and traditional leaders, psychologists and sociologists, etc. and to hold conferences to review educational curricula in this regard. **It welcomes** the outcome of High level Dialogue “Religions for Peace” held on 06 June 2016 in the framework of the UN General Assembly in New York. It also welcomes the statement of the participants of the International Conference “Religions against Terrorism” held on 31 May 2016 in Astana.
12. **Requests** the Secretary General to establish counter-terrorism partnerships with international and regional organizations and relevant government centers; calls for the activation of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Center (UNCTC) to coordinate global counter-terrorism efforts; and **commends** Saudi Arabia for its \$100 mn contribution to support the activities of the Center which was established at the initiative of the late King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz.
13. **Calls on** the Secretary General to work with Member States in order to take necessary and appropriate measures to prohibit incitement to all forms of terrorism, violence and extremism, especially through the media and cyberspace, including the consideration of setting up a mechanism to report the cases and incidents of incitement against Member States in order to address them firmly, and to dry up the sources of terrorism, eliminate its roots, refrain from providing direct or indirect support to entities and persons involved in terrorism and violent extremism, and abstain from incubating, providing safe haven to, financing, paying ransom to them or providing them with any form of assistance whatsoever and **Welcomes** the efforts taken by the Secretary General in establishing the OIC Messaging Center to debunk and counter the terrorists narrative.

14. **Lauds** the efforts of the United Arab Emirates in countering terrorism, violence and extremism, and promoting universal values and the culture of tolerance, coexistence and respect for cultural and religious diversity, through the establishment of specialized centers such as SAWAB Center, based in the UAE, which aims at mobilizing social media to counter the radical ideology of terrorist organisations; the UAE also hosts Hedayah Center which contributes to the elimination of discrimination and violent extremism, training, dialogue, cooperation and research in this field. This would open new prospects for constructive cooperation with the OIC, in particular with its Messaging and Dialogue Center, and for interaction with OIC initiatives on counter-terrorism and violent extremism to counter such rhetoric and terrorist practices in physical reality and in cyberspace.
15. **Affirms** that the struggle against terrorism, separatism and extremism in all their manifestations, illicit drug production and trafficking, illegal smuggling of arms, ammunition and explosives, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means to delivery will remain among priorities of cooperation within the framework of the OIC Member States stand for further close cooperation in the fight against terrorism, separatism and extremism, spread of extremist ideology, primarily among youth, as well as for the prevention of ethnic , racial, religious intolerance and xenophobia.
16. **Reaffirms** the need for Member States to take necessary measures to prevent the abuse of the work of NGOs by terrorists and terrorist entities.
17. **Calls** on the OIC General Secretariat upon consultation with Member States, to build bridges with Muslim communities outside OIC Member States, , in order to underline a religious discourse that enjoins Islam's values of moderation, justice, and equality.
18. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No 42/43-POL on Crimes of D'aesh**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Recalling** the Principles and objectives of the United Nations Charter aimed at maintaining peace and security and to that end calling for effective collective measures,

**Reiterating** the principles and objectives of the charter of the organization of Islamic Cooperation calling on Member States to cooperate in combating all forms and manifestations of terrorism and organized crime,

**Recalling** the Ten-Year Programme of Action of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al Mukkarmah and on 7-8 December 2005, renewing its condemnation of all forms and manifestations of terrorism, and rejecting any justification or excuse for terrorism,

**Recalling** the objectives and principles of the United Nations on combating ISIS, including Security Council resolutions Nos.2170 adopted at the 7242<sup>nd</sup> Session on 13 August 2014, 2178 adopted at the 7272<sup>nd</sup> Session on 24 September 2014, and 2199 adopted at 7379<sup>th</sup> Session on 12 February 2015 under Chapter VII,

**Concerned** by the danger posed by Daesh to the stability, security and territorial integrity of Member States,

**Concerned** also over any unlawful or vindictive or sectarian practices within the context of combating terrorism and Daesh,

**Taking into** consideration the comprehensive strategy of the United Nations and of the states in the international coalition combating Daesh,

1. **Condemns** the atrocities committed by the Daesh terrorist organization, which are crimes against humanity, in the form of collective killing, imprisonment of women, violence against women and children, slavery, rape, forced marriage, displacement and kidnapping; and **Condemns** violence against and oppression of ethnic and religious minorities, and forceful change of their religion and belief, thus causing further violation of human rights,
2. **Condemns** the complete and systematic destruction of Iraq's antiquities, particularly what took place in Mosul, and the destruction by the Daesh terrorist organization of historical landmarks, which is a property of the entire humanity and the first beginning of civilization; categorizes such acts as crimes against humanity and Calls on the international community to apprehend and return Iraqi artifacts smuggled to other countries,

3. **Calls on** all the Member States, in particular, and the international community, in general, to continue to implement by Security Council resolutions 2170 adopted at the 7242<sup>nd</sup> Session on 15 August 2014 and 2178 adopted at the 7272<sup>nd</sup> Session on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014 preventing the ISIS terrorist organization from recruiting foreign terrorist fighters whose presence stokes the conflict; **appreciates** Member States taking necessary measures to prevent infiltration of terrorists, **calls** for the imposition of stringent measures against social media sites through which foreign fighters are recruited and dispatched and for the development of a mechanism for controlling those sites used by the terrorists for incitement and terror. **Calls** for combating the terrorist ideology which is not approved by divine laws and international instruments,
4. **Supports** the Iraqi Government and Armed Forces in combating terrorism and **welcomes** its efforts to liberate Iraqi cities from the control of Daesh. **Calls upon Member States to provide assistance to rehabilitate affected areas after liberation from the terrorist groups.**
5. **Condemns** the heinous crime perpetrated by the DAESH terrorist gangs through explosion of a car bomb in the Karrada district of Baghdad towards the end of Ramadan on 3/7/2016 in which hundreds of innocent citizens were martyred or injured.
6. **Also condemns and denounces** the heinous suicide attack on Dehmazang Square in Kabul, capital city of Afghanistan, which left eighty martyrs and injured more than 300 innocent Afghan citizens on Saturday 23/07/2016.
7. **Stresses** that the root causes which created ‘Daesh’ terror groups should be addressed and eliminated,
8. **Emphasizes** the importance of complying with the law and shunning any and all sectarian and vindictive acts within the context of combating Daesh and the need to mete out justice to the perpetrators for such acts;
9. **Condemns** the acts and crimes that were and are being committed by the Popular Mobilization Forces against civilians in the regions under the command of the terrorist Daesh group, and stresses that the process for liberation of these regions ought to be led by the Iraqi army, police and local tribes, and with the support of the international coalition against Daesh.
10. **Condemns** the heinous crimes which the terrorist Daesh groups continue to perpetrate on the Libya territories, targeting the innocent regardless of their nationality or religion, and expresses outrage at the killing of 21 Egyptians in

2015 in Sirt and 12 Libyans in Sirt too in 2015 and 15 others in Benghazi recently, all in addition to the other crimes committed by these gangs against helpless individuals.

11. **Commends** the efforts of the neighbouring countries aimed at supplying an aid cooperating and coordinating with it in the fight against the Daesh gangs inside the Libya territories and for the reestablishment of security in the country, within the framework of cooperation in the battle against terrorism.
12. **Stresses** that combating terrorism cannot in any way constitute a pretext or justification for intervention in the internal affairs of Member States or violating their sovereignty.
13. **Denounces** the aggression by Daesh and other terrorist groups on the Lebanese Syrian borders, particularly the abduction of Lebanese military internal security officers and the slaughtering of some of the officers;
14. **Condemns** in the strongest terms the killing of the Jordanian pilot, Martyr Moaz El-Kasasbeh, by the cowardly terrorist DAESH organisation and affirms the barbarity of this organisation which is responsible for thousands of crimes and transgressions against all religions, norms and nationalities without regard for the most basic Islamic values; also **condemns** strongly the cowardly terrorist attack on members of the Jordanian Armed Forces (Arab Army) in the Rakban Region, and **expresses** deepest condolences to the families of the victims and the Jordanian government; **reiterates** full solidarity with the King, Government and people of Jordan in combating terrorism and extremism; **expresses** its appreciation for the sacrifices made by Jordanian Armed Forces (Arab Army) in the defence of the causes of our Islamic ummah; **underscores** the need to bring the perpetrators of these terrorist crimes to justice and **urges** the international community to work closely with the relevant Jordanian authorities in this regard; **Seizes** this opportunity to commend the efforts of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in the fight against terrorism and extremism.

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**Resolution No 43/43-POL on Condemnation of Activities of Boko Haram  
Terrorist Group in Nigeria and Neighbouring Countries**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Recalling** the principles and objectives of the Charters of the OIC and the United Nations on peace and international security and the fight against terrorism;

**Concerned** about the growing phenomenon of terrorism in the OIC Member States;

**Underscoring** the need to take a package of urgent measures that should be implemented to deter the spread and counter insurgency in affected OIC Member States;

**Reiterating** its call for a meeting of legal and terrorism experts to re-visit the OIC Convention of 1999 in a bid to lay down a proper mechanism to counter the new trends of terrorism in the OIC Member States;

**Acknowledging** the success that Nigeria and countries of Lake Chad Basin have recorded in recent times in their fight against Boko-Haram insurgency;

**Notes** that the capacity of the Boko-Haram terrorist group has been substantially weakened;

**Reiterating its support to** the joint cooperation initiatives between ECOWAS and the ECCAS as to the rallying of their forces so as to efficiently combat the terrorist group, Boko Haram;

**Appreciating** the visit of the OIC fact-finding Mission to Nigeria from 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 with a view to mainstreaming OIC support for socio-economic rehabilitation, humanitarian and recovery of the areas affected by the activities of Boko-Haram terrorist group in Nigeria;

**Commending** the regional efforts of the countries of the Lake-Chad Basin Commission, namely, Nigeria, Chad, Niger, Cameroon and Benin in the fight against the Boko-Haram insurgency;

**Welcoming** the implementation of the Final Communiqué and the Declaration of Yaoundé issued at the close of the Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council for Peace and Security of Central Africa, held in Yaoundé on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015, as well as the African Union authorization for the deployment of the joint Multilateral Force in the Lake-Chad region to combat the terrorist group Boko Haram;

**Further welcoming** the outcome of the Second Regional Security Summit held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Abuja, Nigeria;

**Cognizant** of the Final Communiqué of the 13<sup>th</sup> Summit Conference of the OIC held from 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey in which a full solidarity of all Member States was expressed to Nigeria, Niger, Cameroun and Chad which faced security challenges and criminal activities arising from violent Boko-Haram terrorists with appeal to international community to bring all necessary assistance to the affected region;

1. **Condemns** the destruction of lives and properties occasioned by the activities of Boko- Haram terrorist group, in North –Eastern part of Nigeria and neighbouring countries;
2. **Expresses** concern over the change of tactics of Boko-Haram terrorist group as well as the abduction of hundreds of school girls in Chibok, Nigeria, who are still under the captivity of Boko-Haram terrorist group;
3. **Calls** for developing of counter narratives to the ideology of Boko-Haram and other terrorist group that have been using religion to mislead people into believing that their acts of violence are in line with the values of Islam;
4. **Requests** the OIC Member States and relevant institutions to extend all necessary humanitarian and financial assistance to the refugees and internally displaced persons, including capacity building as well as the development of countries of Lake-Chad Region and Benin which are being affected by Boko-Haram violence, to complement the assistance being extended by the African Union (AU) and other international partners;
5. **Calls** on Member States to take every necessary measure to dry up the sources of finance of the terrorist group;
6. **Further requests** the Secretary General to follow-up and ensure the implementation of the outcome of fact-finding Mission to Nigeria;
7. **Appeals** to all Member States to provide all necessary assistance to Nigeria to ensure full eradication of menace of terrorism in the country as well as contributing to alleviate the dire humanitarian situation prevailing in the North-Eastern part of the country;
8. **Requests** the Secretary General to report, on the implementation of this resolution to the 44<sup>th</sup> session of the CFM.

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**Resolution No. 44/43-POL on the Establishment of the OIC Contact Group on Peace and Conflict Resolution (PCR)**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Reaffirming** the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) which emphasize the common goals and destiny of the peoples of the Islamic Ummah;

**Emphasizing** the principles and objectives of the United Nations Charter aimed at maintaining Peace & Security and taking effective collective measures to that end;

**Taking note** of the objectives and principles of the United Nations on preventing and combating terrorism, including various relevant United Nations General Assembly and United Nations Security Council resolutions, as well as the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Framework, including the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and related relevant obligations under the International Law;

**Recalling** the Code of Conduct for Combating International Terrorism adopted by the OIC in 1994, and the OIC Convention on Combating Terrorism adopted by the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session on Peace and Partnership for Development) held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 28 June to 1 July 1999;

**Recalling** the Makkah al-Mukarramah Pact on the Promotion of Islamic Solidarity and the Resolution no. 5/4-EX on Enhancing Islamic Solidarity adopted at the Fourth Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference Makkah al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 2012;

**Recalling** the Jeddah Declaration adopted at the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, Jeddah, June 2014 in reaffirming the need for peaceful resolution of conflicts, in accordance with the principles of the OIC Charter and in strengthening of the OIC's role in mediation and quiet diplomacy as means of conflict prevention and resolution;

**Pursuant** to the Final Communiqué of the Open-ended Extraordinary Meeting of the OIC Executive Committee on “Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism” at the ministerial level held in Jeddah on 15 February 2015;

**Recalling** the proposal of the President of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Joko Widodo for the creation of a contact group among countries to build a framework and communication strategy towards finding the best solution for the challenges faced by the Islamic world, during Informal Gathering on Strengthening Solidarity and Cooperation in the Islamic World at the sidelines of the 2015 Asian-African Conference, in Jakarta, March 2015;

**Considering** the Kuwait Declaration adopted at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, Kuwait, May 2015 in which the Ministers reaffirmed the need for the OIC in joining regional and international efforts to fight terrorism and extremist thought, and

commended the outcomes of the brainstorming session held at the CFM level in Kuwait on importance of developing an effective strategy to combat terrorism and extremism;

**Noting** that through the Resolution 19/39-POL on the Future Role of the OIC in Maintaining Security, Peace Keeping and Conflict Resolution, the Ministers endorsed the proposal on the establishment of a Unit dedicated to the maintenance of security and conflict resolution under the structure of the General Secretariat in enhancing the role of the OIC in quiet diplomacy and mediation as tools in conflict prevention and resolution;

**Recalling** Paragraph 110 of the Final Communiqué of the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, 14-15 April 2016 which welcomed the initiative of the Republic of Indonesia to establish an OIC Contact Group on Peace and Conflict Resolution as proposed at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers on Joint Vision to Strengthen Tolerance and Reject Terrorism held in Kuwait on 27-28 May 2015, in accordance with the mandate to be determined by the CFM.

**Further recalling** the Conference also requested the establishment of this Contact Group be concluded in an expeditious manner.

**Having** considered all previous resolutions adopted by Islamic Summits and the various sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

**Noting** that the complex and dire situation in the Islamic World need to be resolved, among other through OIC's joint efforts in finding the best solutions to address all challenges and threats ;

**Further noting** the Islamic Rapprochement Initiative adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, 14-15 April 2016

**Underlining** the importance of setting up of a complementary mechanism to the current OIC mechanisms related with the challenges of radicalism, extremism, counter-terrorism and conflict resolution:

1. **Decides** to establish the OIC Contact Group on Peace and Conflict Resolutions (PCR) for promoting the best solution for the challenges faced by OIC Member States, namely radicalism, extremism, sectarianism, terrorism, and, challenges of peace with the consent of the concerned Member States.
2. **Decides** that the Membership of the OIC Contact Group on PCR will be open to all OIC Member States.
3. **Further decides** that the OIC Contact Group on PCR will work in tandem and complement the existing mechanism in the OIC with similar purposes, including the Secretary-General's initiative establishing a three-tiered Conflict Resolution Mechanism and other Contact Groups.

4. **Requests** the Secretary-General, in close coordination with Member States, to finalize all necessary details including the scope, functions, budget and working procedures for the said Contact Group.
5. **Further requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit report to the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.  
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**Resolution No. 45/43-POL on Welcoming the Progress Made in the Democratic Transition Process in Tunisia**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438 H (18-19 October 2016);*

**Commending** the outcomes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14-15 April 2016, particularly the provisions of the Summit Final Communiqué;

**Recalling** the outcomes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of joint vision to strengthen tolerance and reject terrorism), held in Kuwait on 9-10 *Shaaban* 1436 A.H. (corresponding to 27-28 May 2015);

**Commending** the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action for the period 2016-2025 adopted at the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference;

1. **Welcomes** the steps taken in Tunisia as part of the democratic transition process, particularly the adoption of a new consensual constitution and holding successful presidential and legislative elections; and its **reaffirms** support to Tunisia at this stage of its history.
2. **Commends** Tunisia, represented by the National Dialogue Quartet, for the winning of the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize.

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**Resolution No. 46/43-POL on the Attack against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's  
Embassy in Tehran and Consulate in Mashhad**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438 H (18-19 October 2016);*

**Recalling** the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961) and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (1963) both of which affirm the inviolability of the buildings and personnel of diplomatic missions and the obligation of the host state to provide protection for them against any aggression;

**Recalling** the provisions of the Charter of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the Charter of the United Nations on the preservation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member State and on non-interference in their internal affairs;

**Referring** to the statement issued by the Security Council on 4/1/2016 which condemned the attacks on Saudi Arabia's Embassy in Tehran and Consulate in Mashhad;

**Referring also** to the Final Communiqué issued by the Extraordinary Session of the OIC Foreign Ministers Council held on 21/1/2016 on the aggressions against the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Tehran and its Consulate in Meshed;

**Also referring** to the Final Communiqué of the Thirteenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 10-15 April 2016.

1. **Condemns** the aggressions perpetrated against the missions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Tehran and Meshhed which form a violation of the 1961 Vienna Agreement on Diplomatic Relations the 1963 Vienna Agreement on consular relations, as well as a violation of international law that guarantees protection for diplomatic missions and commands clear and binding immunity and respect for diplomatic missions accredited to any state.
2. **Affirms** that these aggressions which go against the charters of the OIC and the UN that call for confidence-building, for the promotion of friendly relations, mutual respect and cooperation among the Member States, for the resolution of conflicts through peaceful channels, for the preservation of peace and security and for refraining from interference in other States' internal affairs.
3. **Reaffirms** the declarations issued by both Member and non-Member states of the UN Security Council, the league of Arab states, the Arab gulf Cooperation Council and other regional and international organizations that condemned and strongly denounced the aggressions against the Embassy and the Consulate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Tehran and Meshhed.

4. **Rejects and condemns** the Iranian declarations regarding the execution of the judicial decisions against a number of terrorist crime perpetrators in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Such declarations constitute a flagrant interference in the domestic affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in violation of the UN and the OIC charters and all international conventions that call for non-interference in the internal affairs of Member States and particularly with regard to matters that fall under domestic jurisdiction.
5. **Expresses** its full support for the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations regardless of its source or objectives, and supports in this respect the legislation and juridical measures adopted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the face of the aggressions against its diplomatic and consular missions in Iran.
6. **Condemns** Iran's interference in the countries of the region including Syria, Bahrain, Yemen, Somalia, and its supplying of weapons to Houthi militias; and calls on the government of Iran to discontinue any policies susceptible to fuel ethnic or sectarian disputes and to desist from supporting or financing the terrorist factions and movements including the Lebanese Hizbullah.
7. **Insists** on action to reject the sectarian or faction and agenda in view of their destructive impacts and grave repercussions on the Member States security and stability and a world peace and security, and stresses the importance of respect for good neighbourly relations among the Member States in the benefit of all peoples in concord with the OIC charter.
8. **Commends** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its efforts aimed at offering considerable facilitation to pilgrims to the Sacred House (Kaaba) and visitors to the sacred shrines, and for its excellent organization for Hajj and Umra rituals, based on its obligation and duty to serve the Two Holy Mosques.
9. **Calls on** all Member States and the international community to adopt serious and effective steps to prevent the occurrence or reoccurrence of such aggressions in future against diplomatic and consular missions in Iran.
10. **Calls on** the OIC Secretary General to communicate the present declaration to the UN Security Council and to the regional and international organizations and to report thereon to the coming session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 47/43-POL on the Fethullah Terrorist Organization (FETO)**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438 H (18-19 October 2016);*

**Recalling** the objectives and the principles of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, in particular, calling on Member States to cooperate in combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

**Taking into consideration** the OIC-2025 Programme of Action adopted at the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit, prescribing the goal of establish counter-terrorism partnerships with a view to strengthening international efforts to combat all aspects of terrorism, and strengthen cooperation with States and international and regional organizations,

**Guided** by the Final Communiqué of the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit reiterating the Summit's principled position against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, whatever its motives, justifications, and source; affirming that combating terrorism is the responsibility of all Member States and the international community; and underscoring the need to adopt a comprehensive Islamic strategy to combat terrorism and extremism and for the OIC to play an effective role in international efforts to combat terrorism, in the framework of constructive cooperation with States and international and regional organizations and initiatives,

**Aware** of the objectives and principles of the United Nations on preventing and combating terrorism, the UN Counter-Terrorism Framework, including the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy,

**Reaffirming** its condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as the need for Member States to take necessary measures to prevent the abuse of the work NGO's by terrorists and terrorists entities,

**Deeply concerned** by the clandestine, illegal and covert methods, motives, activities and goals of the international network led by Turkish national Fethullah Gülen, organized in various legal covers and forms, which poses a risk and threat to the public order, legitimate state institutions, security and stability of Turkey, Islamic countries and beyond,

**Taking cognizance** of the fact that Turkey has legally classified Fethullah Gülen network a terrorist organization, which is largely composed of and directed by Turkish nationals subordinated to Fethullah Gülen, in and outside Turkey, in the face of grave threat to its constitutional order, state institutions, security and stability,

1. **Strongly condemns** the violent coup attempt, against the Constitution, President and Government of Turkey and its people, perpetrated on 15 July 2016, by an armed faction

and their civilian collaborators belonging to the Fethullah Terrorist Organization (FETO),

2. **Strongly deplores** the death and injury of hundreds people, including civilians as a result of violent actions of the FETO coup plotters and expresses its solidarity with the Government and people of Turkey,
3. **Congratulates** the firm stance of Turkish people in defense of democracy and constitution by risking their lives, and welcomes the quick return of Government control to Turkey, whose security, stability and prosperity is vital to whole Ummah,
4. **Declares** its full solidarity with the Government and people of Turkey in its fight against Fethullah Terrorist Organization to ensure democracy, justice, security and unity,
5. **Calls on** Member States to take every necessary measure against the entities and groups, manned or directed by Turkish nationals, affiliated with the Fethullah Terrorist Organization and cooperate with Turkey to this end,
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of the present Resolution and report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## Resolution No. 48/43-POL on Islamic Rapprochement

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438 H (18-19 October 2016);*

**Welcoming** the joint declaration of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev and the President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Islamic Rapprochement signed April 13, 2016 on the eve 13<sup>th</sup> OIC Summit in Istanbul.

**Confirming** the urgent need for joint efforts to counter global challenges and threats, economic problems, contradictions between confessions and civilizations, as well as the unprecedented growth of threat of terrorism, organized crime, migration and poverty.

**Realizing** responsibility for the peaceful and prosperous future for people of the world and guided by the desire to promote better relations among States and peoples and ensure conditions where people can live in genuine and lasting peace free from any threat to their security.

**Reaffirming** the basic principles of the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on sanctity of national borders of states, on respect for territorial integrity, sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs of other states, and on resolution of disputes and conflicts in interstate relations through peaceful negotiations.

**Reaffirming** the commitment to the spirit of Islamic solidarity and call upon the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to develop a new paradigm of relations in the Islamic world by demonstrating goodwill and constructive approach towards issues of interstate relations and the resolution of conflict and disputes.

1. **Calls upon** the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to launch a process of reviewing the problems in interstate relations in the Islamic world, highlighting primarily common values and interests.
2. **Welcomes** the outcomes of the First session of Wise Persons Council (WPC) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation which was held May 17-18 in 2016 in Jeddah and confirm that this body can play a key role in realization of Islamic rapprochement.

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**Resolution No. 49/43-POL**  
**On**  
**Qatari Abductees in Iraq**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438 H (18-19 October 2016);*

**Affirming** the principles and objectives of the OIC Charter calling for the promotion of solidarity and brotherhood among Member States,

**Recalling** the Final Communiqué issued by 13th session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey from 3 – 8 Rajab 1437H (10 – 15 April 2016), in particular paragraph (20) on Qatari abductees in the Republic of Iraq,

**Recalling** also the ministerial communiqué issued by the Extraordinary meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah on 11 Rabiul Thani 1437H (21 January 2016) on the Qatari abductees in the Republic of Iraq, which condemned the abduction and described it as an act of terrorism, and calling on the Government of the Republic of Iraq to assume its responsibility and stand in solidarity with the Government of the State of Qatar in all the steps it is taking in this regard,

1. **Condemns and denounces** again the abduction of innocent Qatari citizens who entered the Iraqi territory legitimately and legally with official entry visas issued by Iraq's Embassy in Doha, based on the approval of the Iraqi Ministry of Interior, and who were abducted in territories that fall under the sovereignty and security control of the Iraqi government;
2. **Describes** this act as a despicable terrorist one which contravenes the provisions of the pristine Islamic religion, constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and relevant resolutions of the Security Council, in particular resolution 2133 (2014), and undermines the bonds of relationships among Islamic states;
3. **Requests** the Iraqi government to assume its international legal responsibility and take all decisive and immediate measures to ensure the safety of the abductees, free them, and bring the perpetrators of this wanton terrorist act to justice;
4. **Expresses** full solidarity with the Government of the State of Qatar in all the measures it takes in this regard and hopes that the contacts being made with the Government of the Republic of Iraq would result in the release of the abductees and their return to their country;

5. **Requests** the Secretary General again to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 44th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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### **Resolution No. 50/43-POL**

**on**

### **Solidarity with the Arab Republic of Egypt in Countering Terrorism**

*The Forty-third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Education and Enlightenment – Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016);*

- **Proceeding from** the principles and goals of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation,
  - **Referring to** the Code of Conduct on Combatting International Terrorism, endorsed by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in 1994, and the OIC Convention on Combatting International Terrorism, approved by the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers at its 26<sup>th</sup> session held on the theme “Peace and Partnership for Development” in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 28 June to 1 July 1999,
  - **Based on** the final communiqué of the Open-ended Emergency Ministerial Meeting of the OIC Executive Committee, held in Jeddah on 15 February 2015,
  - **Referring to** Resolution No. 41/42 on Combating Terrorism and Extremism, issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers at its 42<sup>nd</sup> session (Session of Joint Vision to Strengthen Tolerance and Reject Terrorism) held in Kuwait City, State of Kuwait, on 09-10 Sha’ban 1436 H (27-28 May 2015),
  - **Recalling** the UN Charter principles and goals of safeguarding peace and security and taking the requisite measures to this end,
  - **Informed by** the UN instruments aimed at preventing and combating terrorism, including the UN Global Counterterrorism Strategy and other obligations under international law,
  - **Expressing concern over** the terrorist risks threatening the Member States’ stability, security and territorial integrity;
1. **Reiterates** the Member States’ principled position against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomsoever and wherever; **reaffirms** its unequivocal rejection of all attempts to amalgam any country, race, religion, culture or nationality with terrorism; and **underscores** in this regard that the perpetrators of terrorist crimes must not be allowed to escape punishment.
  2. **Condemns**, emphatically and in the strongest terms, the heinous terrorist attacks and crimes committed for whatever reason in the Arab Republic of Egypt; **expresses solidarity** with the Arab Republic of Egypt; and **affirms** in this regard its support for all its measures and efforts to counter terrorism in line with the OIC Charter and relevant conventions as well as other relevant international instruments.

3. **Denounces** the attempts to incite acts of terrorism and violence in the Arab Republic of Egypt.
4. **Welcomes** the efforts of the Arab Republic of Egypt and its religious institutions and the efforts of other similar Institutions in OIC Member States in countering extremist discourse and ideology, thus making a major contribution to the Islamic countries' is endeavors in highlighting the values of moderation, justice and equality as enjoined by the noble Islam religion.
5. **Reaffirms** the necessity for the OIC Member States to unite in the combat against terrorist acts, particularly bearing in mind the tightly knit fabric of terrorist formations in terms of ideology and doctrine and their shared material, military and financial support and field expertise.

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**Resolution No. 51/43-POL**  
**ON**  
**CONDEMNATION OF THE JUSTICE AGAINST SPONSORS OF TERRORISM**  
**ACT**

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**Recalling** the Charter of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, the Charter of the United Nations and all international instruments emphasizing the principle of sovereignty and immunity of states,

**Recalling** the statement released by the General Secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and those released by international and regional organizations and several states condemning the passing of the American JUSTICE AGAINST SPONSORS OF TERRORISM ACT (JASTA) as contradictory to the rules and principles of the United Nations Charter and a violation of the established rules of relations between states of many centuries, which does not allow, under any pretext, the imposition of the domestic law of a state on other states,

**Recalling** criticisms issued by the American government itself against the JUSTICE AGAINST SPONSORS OF TERRORISM ACT which it considered a mistake given its negative impacts on the principle of sovereign immunity of states,

1. **Stresses** the commitment and adherence of Member States to the principle of sovereignty and immunity of states, in accordance with the charters of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the United Nations, which is a principle established in the laws of international relations for many years;

2. **Strongly condemns** the United States JUSTICE AGAINST SPONSORS OF TERRORISM ACT, which violates the principle of sovereignty and immunity of states, negatively impacts the patterns of relations between states, and causes the spread of chaos and confusion in the world;
3. **Requests** the Government of the United States of America to repeal this law in the interest of international security and peace;
4. **Invites** the Security Council and the United Nations General Assembly to deploy earnest efforts to repeal this law;
5. **Affirms** the commitment of OIC Member States to combating and eradicating terrorism, and emphasizes the importance of international cooperation in fighting terrorism, in accordance with relevant resolutions of the United Nations;
6. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to communicate this resolution to the Secretary General of the United Nations as well as regional and international organizations and to submit a report thereon to the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Resolution No. 52/43-POL**

### **Condemning the Ongoing Human Rights Violations Against the Innocent Kashmiri People in the Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir**

*The Forty-third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Education and Enlightenment – Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016);*

Reaffirming the principles of the UN and OIC Charters;

Also reaffirming the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council as well as the Joint Communiqués of the OIC promising the people of Jammu and Kashmir their right to self-determination;

Acknowledging that Jammu and Kashmir dispute is the root cause of tension in South Asia, which should be resolved in accordance with the wishes of the Kashmiri people;

Recalling the OIC Secretary General's August 2016 statement that Jammu and Kashmir dispute is not an internal issue of India but an international issue with grave human rights violations that needs to be addressed by the International community;

Recalling further the outcome of the OIC Contact Group meeting on Jammu and Kashmir which was held during the Annual Coordination Meeting of the OIC Foreign Ministers at the sidelines of the 71<sup>st</sup> Session of UNGA;

Strongly condemning the unabated reign of terror and brutalities being committed in the Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir by the Indian occupation forces resulting in the killing of more than 100 and severe injuries to around 12000 innocent civilians;

Expressing deep shock at the use of live ammunition and the pellet guns by Indian occupation forces against the unarmed and defenseless civilians resulting in loss of eye sight of over 800 people including women, children and elderly;

Reiterating the strong support to the indigenous struggle of Kashmiri people against the illegal Indian occupation and denouncing the Indian attempts to link this legitimate struggle with terrorism;

Calls upon India to stop the ongoing bloodshed in the Indian Occupied Kashmir and ensure accountability of the perpetrators through a fair, transparent and independent judicial process;

Urges India to accept the UN, OIC and other independent fact finding Missions to assess the human rights situation in the Indian Occupied Kashmir;

Reminds the UN and the International community of their obligation to implement the relevant UN Security Council resolutions;

Appeals to all peace loving people and nations of the world in general and the Islamic Ummah in particular to stand behind the oppressed people of Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir in their just struggle for the right to self-determination;

Requests the OIC - IPHRC to undertake a fact finding Mission to ascertain the human rights situation in Indian occupied Kashmir and report its findings to the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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