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ON

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OIC INDEPENDENT PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
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The Forty Fourth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity), held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, on 16-17 Shawwal 1438 H. (corresponding to 10-11 July 2017);

Recalling articles 5 and 15 of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation unanimously adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held at Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 13-14 March 2008;

Recalling resolution 2/38-LEG, which adopted the statute of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC);

Recalling resolution 2/39-LEG, which endorsed the Rules of Procedure of the IPHRC;

Recalling resolution 1/41-IPHRC, which decided to establish the IPHRC Headquarters in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA);

Recalling final communiqué of the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016, which reaffirmed the Member States full support to the Commission to enable it to function in accordance with the mandate as provided in its Statute.

Cognizant of the importance of promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms, good governance, rule of law, democracy and accountability in Member States, in accordance with the OIC Charter and the Ten Year Program of Action 2015-2025;

Taking note of the report of the Secretary General included in Document No. (OIC/CFM-44/2017/IPHRC/SG-Rep);

1. **Requests** the IPHRC to continue its work towards fulfilling its objectives as stipulated in the Statute and to continue providing the CFM with its expert advisory opinion on the human rights content of the whole range of issues related to the OIC;
2. **Takes note** of the reports of the 10th and 11th IPHRC Regular sessions, held in Jeddah, at the OIC Headquarters, on 27 November -1st December 2016 and 7-11 May 2017 respectively, as contained in documents no. OIC/ IPHRC-10/2016 Rep. Final and OIC/IPHRC-11/2017/Rep. Final.
3. **Appreciates** Commission's activities in 2016 and 2017, which included a visit to Palestine to report upon the human rights situation in occupied territories; a fact finding visit to Azad Jammu and Kashmir to report upon the human rights situation in the Indian Occupied Kashmir; an international Seminar on 'The Right to Development' and its comprehensive outcome i.e. Abu Dhabi Declaration;

thematic debates held during its 10th and 11th Regular Sessions on “*Protecting and Promoting Rights of Children during situations of Armed Conflict, Foreign Occupation, Emergencies and Disasters*” and “*Protecting Human Rights While Countering Terrorism*” and corresponding outcome documents; as well as meetings with relevant UN and regional human rights mechanisms to discuss and promote views on issues of concern to the OIC.

4. **Takes note of** the comprehensive report of OIC-IPHRC field visit to Palestine, which includes first-hand information on the appalling human rights violations against innocent Palestinians witnessed during the visit. Also, **requests** the Member States and the General Secretariat to consider and incorporate relevant recommendations of this report in their Al-Quds policy in order to aptly expose the ongoing Israeli human rights violations as well as to take necessary measures to protect and promote the human rights of Palestinian people in Occupied Palestinian Territories.

5. **Takes note of** the detailed deliberations that took place within IPHRC’s four Working Groups on Palestine, the Rights of Women and of the Child, Islamophobia and Muslim minorities and the Right to Development as well as the planned activities in 2017 including possible visit to Myanmar and holding of an International Seminar.

6. **Further takes note of** the comprehensive study prepared by IPHRC on ‘*Countering Islamophobia: An Unfinished Business*’, as contained in document no. “OIC / IPHRC / REP / ISLAMOPHOBIA / CFM-43/2016”; pursuant to CFM Resolution no. 32/42-POL and urges the General Secretariat to coordinate with the OIC Groups in New York and Geneva to incorporate recommendations provided in the study for devising a comprehensive strategy on Islamophobia.

7. **Welcomes** the comprehensive study prepared by IPHRC on ‘the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity’ as contained in document no. “OIC / IPHRC / REP / SOGI / CFM-44/2017”; pursuant to CFM Resolution no. 4/43-C and urges the General Secretariat to formulate a comprehensive strategy, based on the study, to vehemently oppose the HRC Resolution no. 32/2 on Sexual Orientation and the establishment of the mandate of Independent Expert on the subject, and to address the issue at different levels. Also, requests IPHRC to share the study with OIC Groups in New York and Geneva for their information and appropriate use.

8. **Welcomes** the presentation of a revised draft of the Cairo Declaration of Human Rights in Islam (CDHRI), titled ‘The OIC Declaration of Human Rights (ODHR)’, as contained in document no. “OIC/IPHRC/REVISED CDHRI/CFM-44/2017”, in pursuance of the CFM Resolution no. 1/42-LEG and requests the Secretary General to form, on priority, an Intergovernmental Working Group to discuss and finalize the revised declaration and present its outcome report to the 45th CFM.

9. **Urges** Member States and relevant OIC Organs, including IDB, to take full advantage of the Commission’s advisory expertise, including by enhancing interaction and exploring avenues for developing joint projects and cooperation; as well as to support the work and activities of the IPHRC;

10. **Welcomes** the election of nine Members of the Commission (Annex-1) held during the 44th Session of CFM, for a period of three years with effect from February 2018.

11. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Government of KSA for providing the IPHRC headquarters in Jeddah, and for its provision of all required logistics and services. Also **welcomes** the signing of the Headquarters Agreement with the Government of KSA, and **requests** all Member States to continue to extend their support to the IPHRC enabling it to conduct its mandated tasks and activities with optimum facilitation.

12. **Expresses** its thanks to the Secretary General for his valuable efforts to facilitate the work of the IPHRC and requests him to continue extending the secretarial support to the Commission from within the OIC General Secretariat to enable IPHRC to carry out its mandate in an organized and efficient manner.

13. **Requests** further the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this Resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 45th Session of the CFM.

Annex-1

ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE OIC INDEPENDENT PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IPHRC) FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS

The Forty Fourth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity), held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, on 16-17 Shawwal 1438 H. (corresponding to 10-11 July 2017), proceeded to the election of nine Members of the IPHRC for a term of three (3) years, starting from February 2018, pursuant to Article 3 of the IPHRC Statute as well as Rule 4 and 66 of the IPHRC Rules of Procedure.

The outcome of the election is the following:

African Group:

- Mr. Adama Nana (Burkina-Faso) (For a second term);
- Mr. Alhousseine Thiam (Republic of Guinea) (For a second term);
- Ambassador Muhammad Lawal Sulaiman (Federal Republic of Nigeria)

Arab Group:

- Dr. Rashid Bin Hamed Al Balushi (Sultanate of Oman) (For a second term);
- Professor/Dr. Rajaa Naji Mekkaoui (Kingdom of Morocco)
- Mr. Fahad bin Abdullah Al Ajlan (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

Asian Group:

- Ambassador Muhammad Zamir (People's Republic of Bangladesh)
- Dr. Omer Faruk Altintas (Republic of Turkey)
- Professor/Dr. Akmal Kholmatovich Saidov (Republic of Uzbekistan)
