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RESOLUTION NO. 1/39-C
ON
GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS

The 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development) held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 01-03 Muharram 1434H (15-17 November, 2012),

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

A) DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS

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

1. Commends the initiative of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdelaziz on Inter-faith and Intercultural Dialogue, which was concretized in the Conference of Makkah in 2005 which saw the participation of Muslim Scholars from different schools of thought and which paved the way to the organization of the International conference held in Madrid with the participation of a large number of followers of world civilizations and cultures and insisted on the unity of the humanity and on equality among peoples, regardless of their colours, races and cultures.

2. Also commends the continued efforts of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in this regard, which led to the organization of a high-level meeting by the General Assembly of the UN in November 2008, to which many world leaders participated in support of the results of the Madrid Conference on the Initiative of the Custodian of the Two holy Mosques about dialogue. This was emphasized in the statement of the Secretary General who commended the initiative and its role in the dissemination of the culture of dialogue, tolerance and mutual understanding among all the peoples of the world.

3. Commends the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia aimed at activating this initiative through the establishment of a relevant mechanism, namely King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICID), whose headquarters were established in Vienna, and **calls on** the Member States to actively contribute with ideas,

suggestions, and recommendations of making the Center an effective institution for promoting interfaith and intercivilizational dialogue.

4. Commends the efforts exerted by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in initiating, at the UN General Assembly on September 23, 2010, *The World Interfaith Harmony Week*, which was observed in the first week of the month of February 2011 and 2012.

5. Highly appreciates the declaration by the United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution 62/90, of 2010 as the international Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures, on the initiative by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, and commends OIC Member States and the international community for the organization of and active participation in the events aimed at deepening interreligious and intercultural dialogue throughout the year.

6. Reiterates the support by the OIC to the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, convened triennially on the initiative by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, which held its 4th session in Astana on 30-31 May 2012, **encourages** religious leaders of the OIC Member States and the international community as a whole to continue their active participation in that meaningful forum.

7. Welcomes the Appeal by the Participants of the IV Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions in Astana and acknowledges that the only way to create a safe world is through a dialogue based on the principles of mutual respect and understanding, compassion and forgiveness, justice and solidarity, peace and harmony;

8. Commends the Secretary General for engaging in dialogue with the United Nations, and other international organizations, including the OSCE and Council of Europe, political leaders and civil society to underscore the concerns as well as raise global awareness over the dangers of Islamophobia and for his initiative calling for a historical reconciliation between Islam and the Christianity.

9. Calls on the OIC General Secretariat, UNESCO, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), and the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA) to continue to strengthen inter-cultural and intercivilizational dialogue through concrete and sustainable initiatives, conferences and symposia; and **appeals to** all Member States, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to provide all possible moral and financial support for the success of these dialogues.

10. Commends the active role Azerbaijan plays in promoting inter-cultural and intercivilizational dialogue between the Islamic world and the West, in this **emphasizes** the importance of the *First Convention of the Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilizations* (GYMAoC) co-organized with the UN Alliance of Civilizations and Islamic Conference Youth Forum for the Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) on 9-10 April 2011, in Baku.

11. Applauds the initiatives, programs and activities taken by the General Secretariat and those by the relevant OIC Specialized and subsidiary bodies in particular the ISESCO and IRCICA for celebration of 2010 as the International Year for Promotion of Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Understanding and Cooperation for peace.

B) ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

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

Referring to the OIC's Ten-Year Program of Action and reemphasizing its premise that inter-civilizational dialogue, based on mutual respect and understanding, and equality amongst peoples are prerequisites for international peace and security, tolerance and peaceful co-existence,

Acknowledging, in this respect, the valuable contribution of the Alliance of Civilizations, launched jointly by Turkey and Spain in 2005 to attaining the goals stated in the OIC's Ten-Year Action Plan,

Remembering its resolutions 1/37-C and 1/38-C on the Alliance of Civilizations adopted by the 37th and 38th Sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, respectively,

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

Emphasizing the importance of membership in the Group of Friends of Alliance of Civilizations to effectively contributed to Alliance's noble goals,

Noting the Alliance's adoption of a Regional Strategy for the Mediterranean, and its initiative to develop a similar Regional Strategy for Latin America,

1. Appreciates the continuing determination and efforts of the in contributing to the overall work of the Alliance and the dissemination of its noble goals.

2. Commends the State of Qatar for hosting the Fourth Annual Forum of the Alliance of Civilisations in Doha on 11-13 December 2011.

3. Commends the Republic of Turkey for hosting *Partners Forum*, held in Istanbul on 31 May -1 June 2012.

4. Also Commends the Secretary-General for his efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Secretariats of the OIC and the Alliance of Civilizations, and also for the OIC's constructive contributions to AoC meetings and for proposing joint projects.

5. Welcomes the Alliance's decision to hold its next annual forum in Vienna, Austria, on 27-28 February 2013, which it expects to be crowned with success,

6. Calls on Member States that have not yet done so, to join the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations.

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

8. Commends the OIC Secretary General for publishing the proceedings of the Roundtable on *Addressing Islamophobia. Building on Unused Opportunities for Mutual Respect and Inclusion* that was held on the sidelines of the 3rd AoC Global Forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in May 2010, which that produced constructive recommendations to address the Islamophobia phenomenon and **requests** Member States to support such initiative in future.

9. Appreciates the initiative of the General Secretariat to hold the *2nd Meeting of the AoC Focal Points of the OIC Member States*, in coordination with ISESCO, in Rabat on 16-17 October 2011, and **appreciates** the active participation of the OIC and its Member States in the third AoC Annual Forum held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on May 28-29, 2010.

10. Welcomes State of Kuwait's offer to host the *3rd Meeting of the AoC Focal Points of the OIC Member States* in Kuwait in the second semester of 2012, and **encourages** all Member States who are part of the AoC Group of Friends to attend the event and contribute for its success.

11. Encourages the Secretary General to consider organizing a sub event on Islamophobia at the 5th Annual Forum of the AoC in Vienna, Austria, on 27-28 February 2013.

C) CULTURAL STRATEGY AND PLAN OF ACTION

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

1. Welcomes the adoption of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic world in its modified form and **calls upon** the Member States willing to implement cultural projects to submit their projects to ISESCO.

2. Commends the activities carried out by ISESCO and host cities in 2010 and 2011 to celebrate Islamic cultural capitals and thanks the Member States for their active participation in these events.

3. Supports Iraq (Najaf Province), Capital of Islamic Culture for the year 2012, and **invites** Member States to attend the event. Calls on the Council of OIC Member States ambassadors in Europe and the Americas to hold cultural and artistic activities in order to improve the image of Islam and spread Islamic culture so as to reduce Islamophobia and serve joint Islamic causes in the above-mentioned countries.

4. Calls for the activation of the Council of OIC Member States ambassadors in Europe and the Americas to hold cultural and artistic activities in order to improve the image of Islam and spread Islamic culture so as to reduce Islamophobia and serve joint Islamic causes in the above-mentioned countries.

D) THE UNIFIED HIJRI CALENDAR

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

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

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

1. Calls upon all the Member States and Islamic institutions to implement previous resolutions to support the Fatwa Institution in implementing the satellite project with the cooperation of University of Cairo and Centre for Space Studies and Consultations in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/39-C
ON
PALESTINIAN CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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Welcoming the membership of the State of Palestine in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);

Taking into consideration the policies and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities towards the Arab citizens in the occupied Arab territories, aimed primarily at the eradication of their cultural identity, along with Israeli attempts to wipe out and disintegrate their national and Arab identity at all levels, the Israeli policy of systematic stamping out of education aimed at creating a poorly educated generation ignorant of its history, heritage, homeland, and Ummah, the Israeli practice of a policy bent on maligning Arab and Islamic civilization and causing prejudice to Arabs and Muslims, the Israeli abuse and distortion of historical and geographical facts, in addition to the continuation of Israeli policies of settlement, expansion and racial discrimination through claims of Israeli supremacy over the citizens of the occupied Arab territories, all of which constitutes a blatant violation of their fundamental rights;

Condemning the aggressive actions perpetrated by Israel to expand the municipal boundaries of the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif by constructing more settlements and building the racist isolation and separation Wall around the city in order to annex it;

Recalling the Final Communiqué issued by the expanded Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee held in Jeddah on 1/11/2009 to discuss the Israeli aggressions against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque;

Expressing deep concern at the Israeli threats and attacks against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and holy places in the Palestinian territories;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on following the matters:

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

1. Calls on the Member States to allocate scholarships for the benefit of Palestinian students; **expresses** its appreciation to Member States who have already given scholarships; and **urges** them to increase these scholarships and reduce their tuition fees for Palestinian students.

2. Recommends also providing all forms of financial and academic support and assistance to Palestinian universities in order to enable them to play their national and educational role. The Committee **calls upon** the Union of Islamic Universities (UIU) to coordinate with the Member universities in order to facilitate and encourage twinning agreements between the Palestinian universities and its members with a view to fostering joint cooperation between them and **calls upon** these universities to receive training and academic missions from Palestinian universities.

3. Calls upon the Member States to participate effectively in the establishment of Al-Aqsa University in the City of Al-Quds, in implementation of the resolution of the 3rd Session of the Extraordinary Islamic Summit.

B) THE EDUCATIONAL SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES AND THE OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN

1. Condemns strongly the decision by Israel, the occupation force, to attempt to impose Israeli curricula on the schools of the occupied city of Al-Quds instead of Arab Palestinian curricula, in the framework of a racist Israeli plan to judaize the city of Al-Quds, obliterate e its Arab identity and distort the awareness of emerging Palestinian generations in this holy city, in a blatant violation of international laws and conventions, and calls for issuing an international appeal to counter those measures and for the Islamic Group at the United Nations relevant fora to move promptly to compel Israel, the occupation force, to stop its heinous policies.

2. Calls upon Member States to provide all necessary financial assistance in order to provide the funding required for the development of education in the occupied territories, in general, and in the City of Al- Quds Al-Sharif, in particular, in view of the extreme difficulties faced by the educational process in the Holy City on account of the practices of the Israeli occupation authorities, including imposing their own educational curricula and closing down schools outside their control and the erection of security barriers impeding movement and transportation of teachers and students preventing access to their places of work, schools and universities.

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

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

5. Calls upon the international community to shoulder its full responsibility in compelling Israel to abide by the principles of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and all international conventions on human rights, particularly the Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilians in Time of War of 20/8/1949, as well as the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

6. Condemns the actions and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities against educational and other institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan, their cancellation of the Syrian educational curricula in the villages of the Golan, and their substitution by Israeli curricula, their imposition of the teaching of Hebrew instead of Arabic, their replacement of the teaching staff to serve the goals and directives of Israeli policy, their imposition of measures to deny Syrian Arab citizens access to higher education in Syrian universities and their denying some of those who manage to get education in those universities the right to return to their homes.

C) THE ISRAEL AGGRESSIONS AGAINST ISLAMIC SHRINES IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE ISLAMIC CHARACTER, HUMAN HERITAGE, AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS OF AL-QUDS AL-SHARIF

1. Reiterates the necessity of implementing all previous Islamic resolutions on the preservation of the Islamic character and human heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

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

3. Calls on the Holy See not to sign any agreement with Israel on issues of economic, financial and property ownership for the Catholic Church or institutions in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, and not conclude any agreement in this regard except with the State of Palestine, given that any agreement with Israel (the occupying power) is a flagrant violation of international law, international legitimacy and resolutions and a violation of the Vatican's commitment as a member of the United Nations. **Also calls** on the Vatican to abide by the Basic Agreement it signed with the Palestinian Liberation Organisation in 2000, and calls on Member States to engage the Holy See and influential countries to ensure that the said agreement does not violate any of the above-mentioned principles.

4. Condemns again Israel's illegal decision to add the Mosque of Elibrahimi in Hebron and Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque in Bethlehem to the Israeli heritage list. **Considers** the Israeli act as looting of Palestinian cultural and heritage sites. **Also Calls** upon the international community and UNESCO to show their responsibilities of protecting the Palestinian cultural and heritage places, and compelling Israel to abide by international law and Geneva conventions.

5. Requests the General Secretariat to continue its coordination with international agencies and institutions and particularly with UNESCO in order to implement the initiative of UNESCO's Director-General to renovate the Holy City; preserve the historic buildings of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the ancient buildings surrounding Al-Quds Holy Sanctuary; close the tunnel; stop the excavation works especially on the south and west of the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque; and preclude the implementation of any designs aimed at obliterating the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque.

6. Urges the General Secretariat and Member States to provide material assistance, in implementation of the content of the Final Communiqué of the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit

on the contribution of one dollar by every Muslim, alongside the contributions of Member States, in order to enable the Palestinian people to face Israeli assaults and designs aimed at obliterating religious landmarks in the Holy City of Al-Quds, and **reaffirms** the need to provide all forms of support and assistance to the Palestinian Arab residents of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to enable them to renovate their houses, support their steadfastness and protect Islamic shrines in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

7. Strongly condemns Israel for building the separation Wall, the so-called Jerusalem Envelope, which seeks to isolate the City of Al-Quds from its Arab-Palestinian environment, and for its unrelenting attempts to judaize it by altering its civilizational, historical, and cultural landmarks.

8. Requests Member States to coordinate and intensify their efforts in the various international forums to force Israel to give up the partitioning of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Al-Khalil, to ensure access to it for Muslim worshippers, and preserve its integrity as a Mosque for Muslims only, just as it has been down the ages.

9. Calls on Member States to ensure the restoration of the old town in Al-Khalil and to safeguard the heritage and culture of this historic city and its resident Palestinian families in order to counter Jewish settlements in the city.

10. Strongly denounces and condemns Israel for digging excavations under the perimeter of Al-Aqsa Mosque, leading to the collapse of a large section of the Mosque's perimeter along Al-Maghariba Gate. Further **condemns** Israel for denying Palestinians access to their places of worship in Al-Quds and for its attempt to interfere in the Islamic Waqf (Endowment) matters and prevent the renovation of holy places.

11. Requests the General Secretariat to constitute a committee of legal experts from Member States to discuss the grave violations perpetuated by Israel in the vicinity of the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque in the form of excavation and threat to the Mosque's foundations, and make necessary legal recommendations for the protection of the Mosque and other holy places in the city of Al-Quds and other parts of Palestine.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 3/39-C
ON
PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Also noting with regret that the 19th Anniversary of the Babri Masjid has passed without concrete steps being taken towards rebuilding of the Masjid or punishing those responsible for the sacrilegious act of its destruction and killing of thousands of innocent Muslims in its aftermath;

Recalling also that the Organization of Islamic Cooperation made several appeals to the Indian Government to prevent any violation of the sanctity of the Masjid and emphasized the responsibility of the Government of India for safeguarding the inviolability of the Masjid and protecting its building against attacks by Hindu extremists:

1. Strongly condemns the destruction of the historic Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, India, by Hindu extremists on 6 December 1992.

2. Expresses deep regret over the failure of the Indian authorities to take appropriate measures to protect this important Muslim holy site.

3. Condemns the forced and illegal entry of Hindu militants into the site of the Babri Masjid on 17 October 2001.

4. Expresses deep concern over the safety and security of the Muslim minority in India.

5. Recommends that the issue be submitted to (UNESCO) through the OIC Member States accredited to Parties.

6. Recommends the Member States and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of the operative paragraphs of Resolution 3/11-C (IS) adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Resolution 2/37-C adopted by 37th CFM and Resolution 3/38-C adopted by the 38th CFM which call upon the Government of India to:

a) Ensure the safety and protection of the Muslims and all Islamic Holy Sites throughout India in accordance with its responsibilities and obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments.

b) Take immediate steps to implement its solemn commitment to reconstruct the Babri Masjid on its original site, to restore it as a Holy Place for Muslims, and to punish those guilty of the sacrilegious act of destroying a revered Muslim symbol.

c) Take effective measures to prevent the construction of a temple on the site of the Babri Mosque.

d) Take immediate steps to ensure the protection of the other 3000 Mosques, especially those at Mathura and Varanasi, which have been the targets of threats and destruction attempts by Hindu extremists.

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

Deeply concerned that, as a result of Indian armed action on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha in 1415H (1995), over 1500 houses and shops were gutted, holy relics were destroyed and the mosque and the Islamic Complex of Charar-e-Sharif razed to the ground, and deeply concerned at other incidences of damage to: the Shrine of the Shah-e-Hamadan in December 1997, the Jamia Mosque of Safapur in Baramula district in January 1998, the historic Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar in January 2001, Chadora mosque in October 2001 and a mosque in Srinagar with burning of the Holy Quran on 14 December 2002:

1. Strongly deplores the destruction of the 541 year old Islamic complex at Charare- Sharif which constitutes a serious aggression against the Islamic heritage of the Muslim people of Kashmir.

2. Expresses its concern over the loss of life and the burning of over 1500 houses of the civil residents of Charar-e-Sharif.

3. Strongly condemns the burning of the Shrine of Shah-e-Hamadan and the desecration of the Jamia Mosque at Safapur, and the burning of the Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar and other incidents of desecration of Muslim Holy places.

4. Also condemns the continuing desecration of Mosques and Muslim Holy Places and denial of religious rights to the Muslim population in the Indian Occupied State of Jammu and Kashmir.

5. Urges the international community, especially the Member States to exert utmost efforts to protect the basic rights of the Kashmiri people, including their right to self-determination according to the relevant UN Resolutions as well as to safeguard their religious and cultural rights and their Islamic heritage.

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

Emphasizing that pieces of Azerbaijani history, culture, archaeology, and ethnography remaining in the territories occupied by Armenia are an integral part of Islamic heritage, and, therefore, must be protected;

Reaffirming United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolutions No. 822, 853, 874, and 884, which call on the Armenian forces to effect a full withdrawal from all the occupied Azerbaijani territories, including the Lachin and Shusha areas, immediately and without conditions; and strongly urge Armenia to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Reaffirming that the utter and barbaric destruction of mosques and other Islamic Shrines in Azerbaijan, at the hands of Armenia, for the purpose of ethnic cleansing is a crime against humanity;

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

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

1. Strongly condemns the barbaric acts committed by the Armenian aggressors in the Republic of Azerbaijan with the aim of total annihilation of the Islamic heritage in the occupied Azerbaijani territories.

2. Vigorously demands the strict and unconditional implementation by the Republic of Armenia of UN Security Council Resolutions No. 822, 853, 874, and 884.

3. Reaffirms its support for the efforts deployed by Azerbaijan at regional and international levels and aimed at protecting and preserving Islamic cultural values and treasures in the territories occupied by Armenia.

4. Asserts that Azerbaijan is entitled to adequate compensation for the damages it has sustained and **affirms** the Republic of Armenia's responsibility to pay up full compensation for such damages.

5. Requests the relevant OIC subsidiary organs and specialized agencies to explore the possibility of drawing up a program to help rebuild the mosques, educational institutions, libraries, and museums in the Azerbaijani territories liberated from occupation with the help of OIC Member States.

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

D) THE DESTRUCTION OF MOSQUES, HOLY TOMBS, HUSSAINIAT AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN IRAQ

Continuous to be deeply concerned about the terrorist destructions in Iraq that affected the Mosques, Holy Tombs of Imam Al-Hadi and Imam Al Hasan Al Askari, Hussainiat and Houses of Worship in addition to the killing of many Iraqis:

1. Deplores strongly the destruction of the Holy Tombs of Imam Al Hadi and Imam Al Askari, and religious sites, mosques and places of worship as acts aimed at causing sedition and sectarian strife among Iraqi citizens.

2. Expresses its deep concern about the numerous and substantial losses of life and public and private property.

3. Appreciates the efforts of the Government of Iraq and its continued endeavours in reconstruction of the Holy Tombs of Imam Al-Hadi and Imam Al Hasan Al Askari, Hussainiat and Houses of Worship that were destroyed.

4. Urges the international community, in particular the Member States to exert utmost efforts by providing possible assistance in order to protect religious places, especially because they are citadels of Islamic civilization.

5. Affirms the necessity and importance of strengthening the unity of the Iraqi people and of rejecting differences, particularly those with sectarian and religious foundations.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 4/39-C
ON
SOCIAL AND FAMILY ISSUES

The 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development) held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 01-03 Muharram, 1434H (15-17 November, 2012),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 38th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

Conscious of the growing need for Muslims throughout the world to promote Islamic revival and evolve societies grounded in the Islamic principles of peace, justice and equality for all human beings;

Reaffirming of the fact that women and children are most vulnerable parts of the societies during conflicts and wars as well as occupation period;

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

A) PROMOTING WOMEN'S STATUS IN THE OIC MEMBER STATES

Recalling the international conventions and instruments, related to women;

Acknowledging the outcomes of the 3rd Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran on December 19-21, 2010, with particular reference to the adoption of a Mechanism for the implementation of the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) and Tehran Declaration;

Reiterating the OIC's commitment in addressing a range of difficulties envisaged by women and reducing inequalities between women and men, and between particular groups of women in the OIC Member States, which earmarks the visionary and comprehensive strategy of the OIC to advance the status of women;

Recalling the importance of the international humanitarian law specially the provisions pertaining to the prohibition of military attacks against civilians and the necessity for protecting the victims of such wars particularly women, children, and elders;

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

Recalling resolution No. 2/37-Org on the Establishment of a specialized Organization for Women Development in OIC Member States and adoption of its Statute by the 37th Session of CFM held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan in 2010;

Having taken note of the Report of the Secretary General on the matter:

- 1. Urges** the OIC Member States, yet to do so, to provide women with better opportunities through enacting and consolidating laws that empower women and provide them with greater role in the development of Muslim society in various fields.
- 2. Considers** that poverty among women has to be alleviated to promote their status in the Muslim world, formulating a roadmap to rectify misperceptions concerning women.
- 3. Calls** upon the parliaments of the OIC Member States to pass necessary laws to combat trafficking, abuse of women, and other forms of violence against them.
- 4. Requests** the OIC Member States, yet to do so, to adopt appropriate measures to promote Islamic principles for reinforcing and consolidating the foundations of the family unit and empowerment of women.
- 5. Urges** the governments of the OIC Member States, yet to do so, to adopt the necessary policies and programs for promoting the level of education of women and girls through providing uncomplicated and free access to literary programs and also providing easy, inexpensive and equal access to higher education and removal of any possible draw backs in this field and ensure, through legislation, women's access to advanced technologies including ICT in order to promote their role in the decision making and development process.
- 6. Encourages** to the OIC Member States to hold regional expert meetings to prepare guidelines aimed at supporting women and the family in cases of armed conflicts, and **recommends** that the results of these meetings be submitted to specialized international organizations.
- 7. Calls for** the denunciation of the aggressions and the bloodsheds perpetrated against women and children by the occupation regime against Palestine.
- 8. Welcomes** the adoption of the Mechanism for the implementation of the OPAAW by the 3rd Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States as a comprehensive plan of action and **endorses** it for the implementation by Member States in coordination with the General Secretariat within the prescribed timeframes.
- 9. Welcomes** also the Tehran Declaration of the 3rd Ministerial Conference on the Womens' Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, which enhances OIC collective work towards the advancement of women. In this context, endorses the implementation of the recommendations therein;
- 10. Welcomes** the offer of the Republic of Indonesia to host the 4th Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States in Jakarta, on 4-6 December 2012;
- 11. Calls** on the Member States to sign and ratify the statute of the specialized Organization for Women Development, based in Cairo with the view to operationalize it and to cooperate and coordinate with the General Secretariat for the implementation of the Islamic Summit Conferences and CFM resolutions on women's advancement.

B) CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

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

Welcoming the Rabat Declaration on the issues of Children in the Islamic world, adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Ministers in-charge of Children's affairs, which was held in Rabat on 7-9 November, 2005, in coordination with the General Secretariat, ISESCO and UNICEF:

1. Requests the Member States to disseminate the Islamic values relevant to women and children, through the media, and to project the radiant image of Islam in improving child conditions in the Islamic world, and to reiterate the Islamic States solidarity on all child-related issues.

2. Commends the role of UNICEF in improving child conditions in the Islamic world, and **hails** the remarkable, fruitful and continued cooperation between the OIC Member States, the OIC General Secretariat and the OIC Subsidiary, Specialized and Affiliated institutions on the one hand, and UNICEF on the other, for the benefit of the child's survival, protection and development in the Member States.

3. Urges Member States to act, with the assistance of the international community, to improve the conditions of children, particularly those living under difficult conditions in conflict-ridden regions and those suffering from the effects of economic blockades and sanctions imposed on their countries, as well as displaced children refugees, by providing for their physical and moral needs and by taking interest in their education and helping them to return to normal lives, and **commends** the efforts expended by a number of Islamic countries in this area.

4. Requests Member States to take the necessary measures to protect children from the dangers resulting from harmful mass media programs and to support programs which lead to the promotion of the cultural, moral and ethical values of children.

5. Urges the Member States to take necessary action to-the implement Rabat declaration adopted by the 1st Islamic Ministerial Conference on Children.

6. Welcomes the outcome of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Ministers In-charge of Childhood held in Tripoli, Libya on February 10-11, 2011 and calls for its implementation.

C) PROMOTING THE POSITION OF THE YOUTH IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

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

Reaffirming the need to evolve sound approaches for the education and training of Muslim youth for the attainment of optimal cooperation and coordination among the Islamic States with a view to achieving the best levels of an all-embracing and just progress for all the youth of the Islamic Ummah:

1. Calls on Member States to work on developing adequate methods for the education and rehabilitation of Muslim Youths so as to enhance their role society with a view to meet the future challenges.

2. Welcomes the Working Paper presented by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport on Muslim Youth on future challenges and the mechanisms included on promoting and protecting Muslim Youth and enhancing its status in the society included therein and calls for coordination with the Adhoc Ministerial Follow-up Committee on all activities related to Youth.

3. Welcomes the offer by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the second session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports in the last quarter of 2013, and for the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation, represented in its General Secretariat as secretariat of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports, to make the necessary preparation in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and Saudi Arabia's Presidency of Youth Welfare in this regard.

4. Welcomes the proposal of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the Second Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports in the last quarter of 2013.

5. Requests the Member States to increase efforts to fight drugs abuse by improving the role of family and NGO's advice centers.

6. Welcomes the readiness of the Republic of Turkey to exchange its experience and information in the area of drug abuse with the OIC Member States.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 5/39-C
ON
ISLAMIC, CULTURAL, CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

The 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development) held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 01-03 Muharram, 1434H (15-17 November, 2012),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 38th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

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

A) REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION (RICE), ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

1. Emphasizes once again the importance of the Regional Institute for Complementary Education (RICE) in Islamabad, Pakistan, and encouraging the teaching of the Arabic language and Islamic culture in non-Arabic speaking Asian countries.

2. Appeals to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools to contribute generously to this project.

3. Appreciates the plans of RICE project to design new programs in the spirit of information technology including television, the internet, emails etc for promoting the Arabic language and Islamic Culture in non-Arabic countries.

4. Expresses its appreciation of the efforts of the Government of Pakistan to ensure operation of the Institute and conveys its thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the financial support it has provided to the Institute and to the Arab Republic of Egypt for seconding a number of Arabic and religious affairs teachers. It also **expresses** appreciation to the ISF for its financial assistance to the Institute.

B) ASSISTANCE TO THE ISLAMIC INSTITUTE OF TRANSLATION IN KHARTOUM

Reiterating the importance of the mission of the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum and the pioneering and vital role it plays in promoting translation, consolidating the bonds between the Islamic States themselves on the one hand and between them and the other States on the other, and enhancing intra-civilizational dialogue and reflecting the image of the Islamic world and the culture of the other such as to contribute to the intra cultural and scientific exchange in the service of the Islamic world and humanity at large. **Commending** the success and achievements of the institute during the previous years,

1. Urges and requests the Member States and the Islamic financial institutions foremost of which the IDB and the ISF, to extend their financial and technical assistance to the Translation Institute so that it may continue fulfilling its duties optimally. It also **pays tribute** in this connection to the ISF for its financial support to the Institute and urges it to keep up this assistance and **requests** the funds to set up special Waqfs to fund the institute and increase its financial resources.

2. Pays tribute, once again, to the Government of Sudan for its financial assistance to the Institute's budget such as to enable it to assume its role optimally, as well as for its contribution towards the resolution of the financial difficulties faced by the Institute and **expresses** thanks to the Government of the Sudan for this scholarships it offers to the students from the Member States and **urges** these states to benefit from them in the future.

3. Requests the Member States to extend their financial and technical assistance to the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum and **requests** the General Secretariat to cooperate with the institute in the field of training and to offer specialized training opportunities for the students of institute for them to benefit from the General Secretariat's expertise.

4. Requests the General Secretariat to make use of the various facilities offered by the Institute in the area of translation and training, for the General Secretariat and Member States' work and **requests** the administration of the institute to submit annual activity reports to the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.

5. Requests the General Secretariat to open the Institute's door to the students from OIC Member States so that it may benefit all desirous citizens of the Islamic Ummah.

C) ASSISTANCE TO AHMED BABA INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC HIGHER STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN TIMBUKTU (MALI)

Recalling the importance of the role played by the Institute in terms of research and preservation of manuscripts,

Mindful of Institute's need for support and assistance as proposed by the OIC mission to Timbuktu dispatched by His Excellency the Secretary General on March 04-09, 2006,

Recalling the appeal for support and assistance which the Secretary General had addressed to all OIC Member States and its specialized and affiliated organs,

1. Commends the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Mali in taking charge of Institute's operating budget.

2. Pays tribute to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Libya, and the ISESCO for their qualitative contributions to Institute's functioning.

3. Urges other Member States, specialized institutions, and OIC affiliated cultural organs to extend the required material, financial and academic support to the Institute.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 6/39-C
ON
SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

The 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development), held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 01-03 Muharram, 1434H (15-17 November, 2012),

Recalling the resolutions of Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, specially the Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the Third Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference, the 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the Seventh Session of the Islamic Culture Ministers and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

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

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

- 1. Notes** with appreciation the production of a number of reference books and organization of congresses on subjects relating to history, history of science and learning, architectural heritage, arts and traditional handicrafts of the Muslim world in the context of the Centre's various programs and research projects.
- 2. Commends** the continuing studies on copies and translations of the Holy Quran in printed and manuscript forms and takes note in this regard of the publication of the edition and scholarly study of the Quran copy attributed to Ali bin AbiTalib preserved in the Great Mosque of Sana's, Yemen Republic.
- 3. Praises** the Centre's activities relating to the Islamic heritage of Al-Quds, in particular the 2011 and 2012 Annual Seminars held in the context of the "Al-Quds/ Jerusalem 2015" program of architectural studies and workshops where professors and students from world universities studied theoretical and practical aspects of the theme.
- 4. Commends** the Centre's coordinating international projects aimed at promoting correct knowledge of Islamic civilization and its contribution to world civilization and revising references to these subjects in publications and textbooks which also help combating Islamophobia, and notes with appreciation in this regard the Centre's conducting, jointly with the Council of Europe and its North-South Centre, the project on "interactions between cultures within and around the Mediterranean and between the Mediterranean and Other Cultures and Regions of the World"; and its organizing two sessions during the Fourth Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations held in Doha, State of Qatar in December 2011, on History Teaching and on Travel Literature and its Role in Promoting Cultural Dialogue.
- 4. Takes note** of the series of regional congresses on the history of Islamic civilization which help strengthen scholarly bonds between the member States on one hand and the Muslim communities outside the Member States on the other as well as with world academic circles, particularly the congresses on "The Image of the Islamic World in EvliyaCelebi's Seyahatname"

organized in Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on 18-20 December 2011 jointly with Al Albait Foundation and Al Albait University, the seminar on “Iraq in the Ottoman documents”, which was held in the Centre, Istanbul, on 6 June 2012, and was accompanied by an exhibition on “Baghdad in the Ottoman documents”, the fifth congress on “Islamic Civilization in Volga-Ural” held in Kazan, Tatarstan (Russian Federation) on 9-11 June 2012, the forthcoming congresses on “China and the Muslim World” to be held in Beijing, China on 28-30 June 2012, “Oman During the Ottoman Era” to be held in Istanbul, Turkey on 5-6 October 2012 and the second congress on “Islamic Civilization in Central Asia” to take place in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on 11-14 October 2012 among others.

5. Takes note with appreciation of the holding of the Second International Congress on Islamic Archaeology in Islamabad, Pakistan, in cooperation with the National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, in January 2011 and its contribution to establishment of “Islamic archeology” as a distinct field of study.

6. Commends the success of the architectural Summer School on “Islamic Urban Heritage. Research, Preservation and Management” organized in 2011 jointly with Al-Thurath Foundation, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with the participation of 45 lecturers and more than 120 students from different countries and involving field work; and welcomes the Centre’s instituting the school as an annual program to be renewed in different member countries.

7. Takes note of IRCICA’s activities relating to the study and recording of Islamic architectural heritage and its collaboration with international bodies concerned; commends the Islamic Architectural Heritage Database sponsored by H.R. H. Prince Sultan bin Salman, Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Tourism and Antiquities, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and invites the Member States which have not done so yet to provide IRCICA with the required data and information on their Islamic sites and monuments and designate their respective focal points to collaborate continually with the Database unit at IRCICA.

8. Expresses its appreciation of the co-organization of multidimensional events in the context of the Craft Development Program, in particular the co-organization of the 2011 and 2012 Muscat International Festival for Arts, Heritage and Creativity in cooperation with the Muscat Municipality in the Sultanate of Oman, both including exhibitions and the Muscat Award for Creativity in Handicrafts with the participation of 118 artisans from 32 countries in 2012.

9. Commends the Centre’s plan to organize, jointly with the Organization for Culture and Islamic Relations, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 16-20 September 2012, in “the Tehran International Congress on the Features, Characteristics and Cultural and Economic Contributions of Arts and Handicrafts” accompanied by a Exhibition of Albums, Catalogues and Books Published in the Field of Arts and Handicrafts”.

10. Praises the Centre’s project to prepare a comprehensive publication the history and civilization of Islam.

11. Welcomes the announcement of the Ninth International Calligraphy Competition to be finalized in 2012 and dedicated to Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu in homage to patronage and promotion of the art.

12. Expresses its thanks to the Member States for the moral and material support extended to IRCICA, in particular its host country, the Republic of Turkey and the host country of the OIC General Secretariat, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia expresses its gratitude to the Heads of State and Government for their support and encouragement of the Centre and in this respect to H.E. Abdullah Gul, President of Turkey, H.E. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian Authority, and H.E. Mr. Awn ShawkatKhasawneh, Prime Minister of Jordan for having visited the Centre and to H.M. Sultan Qaboos bin Said, Sultan of Oman, for having conferred the Sultan Qaboos Order for Culture, Science and Art of the First Degree on IRCICA Director General Dr. Halit Eren.

13. Thanks the Member States which regularly pay their contributions to IRCICA's budget and takes note of difficulties posed by non-payment of arrears.

B) INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC FIQH ACADEMY (IIFA)

1. Expresses its profound appreciation of King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, and all Their Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses the leaders of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), for supporting the International Islamic Fiqh Academy ("Academy") to perform its active role in highlighting the tolerance and moderation of Islam and assert the role of the Academy as a Fiqh reference to the entire Muslim Ummah.

2. Thanks His Excellency the OIC Secretary General, for his interest in the Academy and his support of its activities.

3. Thanks His Excellency the OIC Secretary General, for his sound choice of Professor Ahmad Khalid Babakr to be the Secretary General of the Academy, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the thirty-eighth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, 26-28 Rajab 1432 AH (28-30 June 2011 AD).

4. Notes the completion of Zayed Encyclopaedia of Fundamental and Fiqh Rules on 10th of Shabaan 1433 AH - 30th of June 2012 AD and thanks Zayed bin Sultan Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation for its support to the work of the Academy through its funding of the Encyclopaedia Project.

5. Takes note of the steps taken by Academy Secretariat to establish a Special Waqf Fund of the Academy to diversify its income resources, **requests** its referral to Permanent Finance Committee, and **urges** the OIC Member States and relevant OIC institutions to provide support in this regard for the benefit of the Academy activities and Islamic action at large.

6. Notes the efforts of the Academy in cooperation with Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University in organizing the forum titled "Drugs: Their Reality and Methods of Prevention and Treatment", 24-25 Dhul-Qida 1432 AH / 22-23 October 2011 AD and commends its recommendations.

7. Thanks the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Research and Training Institute for their continuous support to the Academy and calls for going forward in the implementation of Economic Fiqh Encyclopaedia and translation and publishing of related resolutions.

8. Commends the continuous interest of His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid, President of the Academy, in the scientific publications and his absolute support to the Academy Secretariat for exerting more effort in the service of novel Fiqh issues.

9. Commends the distinctive performance of Professor Ahmad Khalid Babakr and his effective role in the service of Islamic Fiqh and Muslim Fiqh issues; and praises the Secretariat staff of the Academy for their performance since the convention of the thirty-fourth session of the Islamic Committee for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.

10. Thanks the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria for hosting the twentieth session of the Academy Council, 26 Shawwal – 2 Dhul-Qida 1433 AH / 13-18 September 2012.

11. Thanks the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the coming twenty-first session of the Academy in Riyadh in 2013 at Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University.

12. Thanks the countries that hosted the previous annual Academy sessions, namely: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (7 sessions), Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (two sessions), United Arab Emirates (three sessions: in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah respectively), State of Kuwait (two sessions), Brunei Darussalam, Kingdom of Bahrain, State of Qatar, Sultanate of Oman, and Malaysia (one session each) as a genuine contribution of these countries to the support to the Academy.

13. Calls upon the OIC Member States to host the coming session of the Academy that aim to achieve the objective for which it was established.

14. Notes the distinctive standard of the scientific publications of the Academy and the topics and studies they contain and meet the needs and aspirations of the Muslim Ummah in the face of the challenges it encounters.

15. Thanks the Member States that paid their contributions to the Academy budget and renews its call upon the Member States that have not yet paid theirs to expedite their payments; and recommends all Member States to continue their support to the Academy to enable it to perform its mission in the service of Islam and Muslims.

C) ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND (ISF)

- 1. Expresses** its profound gratitude and appreciation to the Emergency Committee for its rapid response, with its available financial resources, in dealing with catastrophes and natural disasters affecting the Muslim countries, and exhorts Member States to endeavor to make contributions for the purpose of making resources available to the Fund to enable it strengthen this aspect.
- 2. Expresses** thanks and gratitude to H.E. the General Secretary of the OIC for his outstanding efforts, attention, and continuous interest towards enabling the ISF to achieve its goals.
- 3. Also Expresses** thanks and gratitude to the Permanent Council and its Chairman as well as the Executive Bureau of the Fund for the efforts they are making in order to achieve the objectives of the Fund and its Waqf.

4. **Express** its resolve to preserve this important Islamic body which is rightly considered as a noble symbol of the Islamic solidarity.
5. **Exhorts** Member States to commit themselves to make donations annually – within their available means - in favour of the projects of the ISF, and contribute to the capital of the Waqf of the Fund.
6. **Exhorts** Member States, which had announced their contributions to expedite action in paying these contributions to enable the Fund to maintain the solidarity bond of the Muslim Ummah.
7. **Expresses** its profound thanks and gratitude to the Member States which made contributions to the Fund during the financial 2011-2012, particularly the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.
8. **Approves** the Report of the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the ISF.
9. **Adopts** the Permanent Council’s approval of the closing accounts of the ISF for the financial year 2011.
10. **Takes note** of the Permanent Council’s adoption of the projects budget of US\$ 20 million for the Fund for the financial year 2013.
11. **Calls upon** Member States to pay their statutory contributions to the operational budget of the Executive Bureau of the Fund for the financial 2012 which was approved by the Permanent Finance Committee at its Fortieth session, held in December 2011 which amounts to US\$ 1,260,000.
12. **Invites** the Permanent Council to continue providing assistances to projects and cultural, Islamic and educational centres in the Muslim world, focusing particularly on projects whose creation have been recommended during the Islamic summits and Conferences of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 7/39-C
ON
SPECIALISED INSTITUTIONS

The 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development), held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 01-03 Muharram, 1434H (15-17 November, 2012),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary sessions of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 38th Session of the Islamic Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

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

Taking note of the Report of the 27th session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) held in Kyrenia, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus on 29 February to 2 March 2012,

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

A) THE ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO)

1. Commends the remarkable activities and programmes carried out by ISESCO in its various fields of competence: namely, education, science, culture and communication; **praises** its Director General, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, for his efforts to expand the Organization's scope of action; **commends** the content of ISESCO's Action Plan for the years 2010-2012, which reflects a holistic, innovative and multidisciplinary strategic vision; **lauds** the remarkable part taken by ISESCO in implementing the Ten-Year Action Programme adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit Session; and **expresses** appreciation of the activities implemented by ISESCO under this programme.

2. Welcomes the signing by ISESCO of cooperation agreements and action programmes with a number of international, Islamic and Arab organizations; **commends** the activities implemented in this connection which have added impetus to the invaluable initiatives of ISESCO Director General to establish varied cooperation relations that have been crowned with numerous programmes which were implemented by ISESCO in association with parallel institutions and organizations, thus contributing to highlighting the positive image of the Muslim world; and **invites** ISESCO to pursue such commendable efforts.

3. Expresses its support and appreciation for the ongoing efforts and contacts made at the regional and international levels by the Director General of ISESCO to urge the international community to pressurize Israel into abiding by the international resolutions concerning the protection of religious

landmarks, cultural and civilizational heritage, and educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the occupied Syrian Golan; **supports** ISESCO's efforts to document the war crimes and crimes against humanity which were and are still being perpetrated by the Israeli occupation authorities in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Gaza and all Palestinian territories, with the view to prepare legal files to bring Israeli militaries and civilians responsible for such war crimes before international justice; and **welcomes** the convening by ISESCO of the fifth meeting of ISESCO Archaeology Experts Committee on the new Israeli attempts to Judaize Al-Quds Al-Sharif (4-5 March 2012, Amman, Jordan).

4. Notes with appreciation the content of the joint Islamic action strategies and their implementation mechanisms devised by ISESCO, particularly in the areas of education, science, culture and communication; and **invites** the Member States to cooperate with ISESCO in implementing these strategies adopted by the Islamic summit conferences and relevant Islamic conferences, in coordination with the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and in cooperation with the competent regional and international organizations.

5. Commends the actions made by ISESCO to develop educational capacities in the member states and abroad, in the fields of teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers, literacy, adult education, through its specialized educational centres and delegations in the Republic of Chad, the Union of Comoros, the Republic of Niger, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and the Republic of Guinea as well as in the centre to be established in Malaysia, and through the advanced specialized teaching aids such as (Al Amal) and (Alarabya almuyassara) series, and **Commends** the educational and civilizational project on the transcription of Muslim peoples' languages in the Standardized Quranic Script implemented by ISESCO in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank, and the fruitful efforts exerted by the Organization in cooperation with the International University of Africa towards digitizing the transcription system of languages in the standardized Quranic script and providing training on the use of the digitized transcription system.

6. Invites ISESCO to update the Strategy for the Promotion of Education in Islamic Countries in such a way as to keep abreast of new educational, social and economic developments in Member States and outside the Muslim world and to provide a comprehensive guiding framework for addressing present and future challenges based on a holistic prospective vision that would promote joint Islamic action in education and lay the ground for convening the Islamic conference of education ministers along the lines of specialized ministerial conferences organized by ISESCO on a regular basis.

7. Commends the efforts and actions made by ISESCO to develop science and technology, preserve the environment, foster dialogue of cultures, civilizations and religions, redress the image of Islam and Muslims in the West and counter Islamophobia; and **invites** it to carry on such efforts inside and outside the Muslim world, in association with partner regional and international organizations, and to pursue coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and the Member States to undertake innovative initiatives and put in place mechanisms to counter the fierce campaign targeting Islamic sanctities and cultural symbols in coordination with national, regional and international media and communication outlets.

8. Requests the Islamic Bureau of the Environment to implement the Environment Action Plan in the Islamic Countries by translating it into activities and projects capable of effectively

addressing environmental concerns in the Islamic countries, the outcome documents of the 5th Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers (Astana, 17-18 May, 2012), Strategy on Management of Disaster Risk and Climate Change Implications in the Islamic World by taking the necessary measures for devising its related executive plan in collaboration with the global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) and the parties concerned.

9. Thanks ISESCO for implementing a number of national, regional and international activities in the cities celebrated as Islamic culture capitals, and **invites** it to pursue such support. It also **commends** the efforts the Member States hosting Islamic culture capitals for 2011 have put in preparing and implementing the celebration programmes and properly coordinating with the General Directorate of ISESCO in this connection; and **welcomes** the resolution of ISESCO's tenth General Conference regarding the expansion of the Islamic Culture Capitals' Programme to include Islamic historical cities from outside the OIC Member States.

10. Invites ISESCO to pursue its efforts and further contact with Islamic cultural centres and associations in Europe, Asia and Latin America, through the Supreme Council for Education, Culture and Science for Muslims outside the Islamic World, with a view to executing the Implementation Plan of the Strategy for Islamic Cultural Action outside the Islamic World; and the Strategy for Benefiting from Muslim Competencies outside the Islamic World; **welcomes** the convening of the First Forum of the Heads of Islamic Cultural Centres outside the Islamic World, and **calls on** ISESCO to pursue its efforts in this regard, and **Commends** ISESCO's efforts in responding to the media smear campaigns targeting Islam and Islamic civilization and countering Islamophobia; and **praises** the Course in Training Journalists and Broadcasters to Counter Stereotypes about Islam and Muslims in Western Media which was adopted by the 7th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (Algiers, 18-19 December 2011) and the 9th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Libreville, 17-20 April 2012).

11. Welcomes cooperation between ISESCO and international, Arab and Islamic organizations in enhancing alliance of civilizations and dialogue among civilizations and integrating the values of middle stance, moderation and respect for the other into the curricula of the Member States in Europe and the Islamic world, and **Praises** ISESCO's programmes on the training of Imams and counselors working within Muslim communities outside the Islamic world, **welcomes** ISESCO's publishing of the Guide for Imams and Religious Preachers outside the Islamic World as well as its organization of training sessions for Imams in a number of countries in Europe, Latin America and Asia; and **commends** ISESCO General Directorate's moves to strengthen cooperation and coordination with governmental authorities in European, Asian and Latin American countries and involve them in the implementation of its activities geared to Muslim communities in these countries.

12. Commends ISESCO's efforts aimed at preserving Islamic heritage in the Member States, with special focus on the protection of endangered Islamic cultural heritage in al-Quds al-Sharif, Iraq and Afghanistan, and **stresses** the necessity of coordination and collaboration with IRCICA in accordance with the spirit of the Resolution of 27th ICFM.

13. Lauds the efforts the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) devotes to establishing university chairs, devising plans and strategies, implementing activities and programmes for the development of university education and Muslim communities, and promoting comprehensive sustainable development; and **commends** the FUIW's role in developing

partnership and cooperation with the Member Universities and parallel organizations through its achievements and initiatives, which has earned the FUIW its position as a leading player in joint Islamic action, particularly through the effective role it plays in the implementation of activities, programmes and projects within the framework of partnership and cooperation.

14. Lauds the volume and quality of ICT-focused activities and programmes organized or co-organized by ISESCO as part of the implementation of the Strategy for Developing Science, Technology and Innovation and the Strategy for the Development of Information and Communication Technologies in the Islamic World; and **invites** ISESCO to take further interest in training of executives specialized in science, technology, communication and information in the ISESCO Center for Promoting Scientific Research and its Regional Training, Audiovisual and Multimedia Production Centres, and providing technical advice and expertise to the Member States to enable them to strengthen relevant infrastructure.

15. Commends ISESCO's efforts to hold the 7th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research, in Khartoum, on 20-22 November 2012, and the 4th Islamic Conference of Ministers in charge of Childhood, in Baku, capital-city of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in 2013, and the 8th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, in Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah, in 2013, in celebration of this city as the 2013 Islamic Culture Capital, in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and in cooperation of the concerned national parties and **invites** the member States to actively participate in these conferences.

16. Invites the OIC Member States to continue implementing varied comprehensive and efficient programmes geared to youth issues and openness to cultures in such a way as to strengthen their role within our societies and open wide avenues for them to communicate with their peers across the world, and establish relations with them based on dialogue and mutual understanding; and further **invites** ISESCO to devote further interest to youth issues, implement major programmes, organize comprehensive field activities in this regard, in cooperation with international, Islamic and Arab organizations.

17. Adopts the declarations, resolutions, recommendations and reference documents of the specialized Islamic ministerial conferences held by ISESCO in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, especially the Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (Riyadh, 4-5 October 2011) and the Seventh Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, (Algiers, People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, 18-19 December 2011) and the fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers (Astana, 17-18 May 2012); **thanks** the Member States having hosted those conferences and the parties and organizations having participated in them; **invites** ISESCO to ensure follow-up to the implementation of those resolutions in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and the parties concerned; and **thanks** the Member States having offered to host the forthcoming sessions of Islamic ministerial conferences and their preparatory meetings.

18. Expresses its sincerest thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud and to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Naif bin Abdulaziz, and their Majesties, Excellencies, Highnesses the Kings, Presidents and Emirs of Member States for the generous support to ISESCO and for financing a number of educational, scientific and cultural programmes and activities.

19. Expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI for the message he addressed to ISESCO in commemoration of its 30th anniversary, and for the constant support the Moroccan government extends to ISESCO to discharge its mission in the most optimal manner.

B) ISLAMIC COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRESCENT (ICIC)

1. Urges OIC member States which have not yet ratified the Agreement of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to do so as soon as possible so as to enable it to carry out its tasks and realize its noble objectives.

2. Invites all member States and Islamic institutions to extend material and moral support to the ICIC so that it may implement its programmes.

3. Calls on the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to exert efforts regarding refugees, displaced people and prisoners of war and provide care and protection in collaboration with the UN high Commissioner's Office for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Crescent and other relevant regional and international organizations.

4. Expresses its profound thanks to Libya (hosting State) for extending support and facilities to the ICIC Administration.

5. Welcomes the results, decisions and the declaration on the humanitarian and legal solutions to the violations of the International Humanitarian Law adopted by the 27th session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) held in Kyrenia- Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus on 29 February to 2 March 2012.

6. Expresses its thanks to Libya, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, State of Qatar, the Republic of Senegal, and the Republic of Mali, States parties to the ICIC agreement that paid their financial contributions, to the ICIC budget of 2009 and 2010.

7. calls upon States parties to the ICIC agreement, who have not yet done, to pay their contributions to the ICIC budget for 2009,2010,2011, and 2012 as soon as possible.

8. Expresses its sincere thanks to the Republic of Iraq for its ratification of the ICIC Agreement.

9. Expresses its profound appreciation to the ICIC president, members and its administration for the humanitarian activities and assistances executed in different regions of the Islamic world.

10. Expresses its deep thanks to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for its support to the ICIC and calls upon the Fund to continue offering more assistance to it.

11. Expresses its full appreciation to the Turkish Red Crescent, the Saudi Red Crescent Authority and the Qatar Red Crescent for their cooperation with ICIC to implement permanent bilateral programs with the ICIC.

12. Calls on the Islamic Development Bank and other OIC concerned institutions to extend financial and material support to the ICIC humanitarian programs.

13. Calls upon member States and concerned Islamic institutions to contribute to the realization of the ICIC programs within the framework of development projects in Darfur in Sudan, in Libya, in the Federal Republic of Comoros, and the humanitarian projects in Gaza, Somalia and Niger, as well as the program of the Republic of Senegal to remove landmines in the region of Casamance.

14. Recommends the election of the ICIC non permanent members for new mandate as indicated in the following list of names presented by the OIC member States, parties to the ICIC establishment Agreement as follows:

- 1- Dr Mohamed Ghanem A1-Maadeed
- 2- Dr Abdul Rabman Al-Attar
- 3- Mr. Fayez Ahmad A1-Ahmari
- 4- Dr Habib Makhtoum
- 5- Mr. Famory Ndiaye
- 6- Dr Taher Al Chiniti
- 7- Mr. Omer Tasli
- 8- Dr Mustafa Muhaggegh

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 8/39-C
ON
AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

The 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development), held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 01-03 Muharram, 1434H (15-17 November, 2012),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, 38th Session of Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (CFM), 7th Session of Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and 9th Session of COMIAC;

Cognizant of the resolutions issued by the 7th meeting of the General Assembly of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation and those issued by the Federation's Board of Administration at its 17th meeting as well as of the report submitted by the Federation's Secretary General on its varied activities.

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

A) THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY SPORTS FEDERATION (ISSF)

1. Endorses the future activities decided by the Federation within its 2012-2013 plan and **urges** the Member State's hosting and active participation therein such as to ensure the success of these activities, achieve one of the key objectives of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation and render the Federation's enterprise more interactive. **Also urges** providing the Federation with every possible material and moral support and committed participation in all its activities.

2. Congratulates H.R.H. Prince Nayef Bin Faisal Bin Fahd Bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud on his investiture as chairman of the Federation for the coming mandate and **expresses** its thanks and gratitude to H.R.H. Prince Sultan Bin Fahd Bin Abdul-Aziz for the services, support, mentoring and guidance he has consistently accorded to the Federation, for the proper implementation of all its programs and activities in a way that befits the standing of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation, and for his unflinching commitment to the achievement of the Federation's objectives and his full dedication to serving the youth in our Islamic Ummah.

3. Welcomes the General Assembly's decision at its Seventh Session to adopt and endorse the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Islamic Solidarity Games.

4. Thanks the Republic of Indonesia for hosting the Third Tournament of the Islamic Games in 2013, **urges** all the Member State to participate in this important event, and **extends** its best wishes of success to the Republic of Indonesia in organizing these games.

5. Expresses its thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, represented in the Olympic Saudi Arabian Committee for hosting and organizing the Islamic Solidarity Weight-lifting

Championship, held on 5-10 Rabiul Awal 1433H (28 January – 2 February, 2012) and for its active involvement by ensuring all requirements for the outstanding success and superb arrangement as extolled by all participating delegations which accounted for 22 Member States, as well as for its offer to host and organize the basketball championship around the end of 2012. **Urges** active participation of all Member States in this championship.

6. Welcomes the Board of Administration's approval for aero-sports to be included among the Federation's activities thus introducing a new category of sports to benefit the players and sports people in the Islamic world, as well as for its offer to organize the first Islamic States Aero-sports Championships in 2012.

7. Welcomes the activation of the agreement concluded between the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), the setting up of a mechanism for the activation of the said agreement's provisions, and the emphasis placed on the need for cooperation and coordination between the OIC subsidiary organs.

8. Welcomes the Board of Administration's decision in favour of the Federation's prospective plan for the period ahead, with the Federation's participation in and organization of events to connect sports with various other fields (environment, tourism, women safety), and **urges** the Member States' Olympic Committees and all concerned parties including international institutions and organizations to participate actively in the implementation of the said plan such as to advance the progress and prosperity of the youth in the Islamic Ummah. **Calls upon** all Member States to honour their commitments towards the Federation so that it may undertake the required activities and to see to the settlement of their respective outstanding membership fees.

9. Mandates the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation as the secretariat of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports to conduct proper preparation to organize the conference, in coordination with the General Secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and Presidency of Youth Welfare in Saudi Arabia.

10. Endorses the General Secretariat's proposal to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation and specialist firms to undertake the necessary studies and researches to explore funding sources such as to help implement the Federation's plans and programs in favour of the Muslim youth.

11. Expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to H.R. H. Prince Nawaf Bin Faisal Bin Fahd Bin Abdul-Aziz, Chairman of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation for his unstinting support and interest in the Federation and in the issues of sports people among the Muslim youth, such as to have helped the Federation accede to a high standing in the sports arena.

12. Expresses its thanks to the General Secretariat of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation for the arrangements made for the Federation's various activities, thus advancing its goals.

13. Also expresses its thanks to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and more particularly to the Custodian of Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz and to H.R.H. Prince Nayef Bin Abdul-Aziz (May Allah bless him) for the gracious hosting of the Federation's

headquarters and for their material and moral support which is rooted in their firm belief and interest in all issues of concern to the Islamic Ummah's youth.

B) THE WORLD FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ARAB-ISLAMIC SCHOOLS (WF-IAIS)

- 1. Recommends** to the General Secretariat, Islamic organizations and bodies, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and the Islamic Development Bank to support the plans and projects of the World Federation of International Arab Islamic Schools in spreading Arabic language and Islamic culture and to extend every possible assistance for the implementation of such plans and projects.
- 2. Recommends** continued support for the organisation of training courses for teachers of Arabic language and Islamic culture in Asia, Africa, Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Balkans.
- 3. Recommends** to the IDB and the ISF to contribute towards the printing of textbooks series, prepared by the WF-IAIS, for teaching Arabic to Non-Arabic speakers, the distribution of those books among Muslim learners, and the establishment of a WF-IAIS printing press at its headquarters, as well as other printing presses in central locations in Muslim countries in order to maximize their utilization in those countries and among Muslim communities.
- 4. Recommends** support for the Assistance Fund for International Arab-Islamic Schools and Educational Institutions members of WF-IAIS with a view to helping them promote Islamic education standards, in particular in non-Arabic speaking Islamic countries.
- 5. Requests** support for the WF-IAS project to establish an education section at the Imam Shafii College – Comoros Islands University to award Bachelors Degree in all Arabic language specialties in accordance with the agreement signed between the WF-IAIS and the Comoros national Ministry of Education preparatory to Masters and Doctorate studies in Teaching Curricular and Methods in the Section.
- 6. Recommends** support for the Examination Council of International Arab-Islamic Schools Project, set up by the WFIAIS in collaboration with the League of Islamic Universities and the Muslim World League, which aims to set the examinations of private Islamic schools under the supervision of well-known Islamic universities, and to activate this Council and establish its regional branches.
- 7. Recommends** support for the projects undertaken by the WFIAIS to set up the Arabic language centre and forum of civilizations in London, the educational centre in Cairo, and Turkish Arab University in Istanbul.
- 8. Recommends** support for the WFIAIS activities towards the establishment of an examination council in Uganda in collaboration with the Islamic University in Uganda as well as an examination council in Malaysia in collaboration with the International Islamic University in Malaysia.

C) INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MUSLIM SCOUTS (IUMS)

1. **Endorses** the future activities the IUMS decided to carry out as part of its 2012-2013 Plan and **urges** Member States to host and participate actively in these activities in order to ensure their success and to provide the IUMS with every possible material and moral support.
2. **Endorses also** the IUMS plan to implement the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action (TYPOA) to Meet the Challenges Facing the Muslim Ummah in the 21st Century and the efforts that have been made to implement it.
3. **Thanks** the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and the late Prince Nayef bin Abdulaziz, for hosting the IUMS in Jeddah as well as for the material and moral support they extend to it proceeding from their full interest in the issues pertaining to the Muslim youth.
4. **Expresses thanks to** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for organizing the Messengers of Peace Project under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.
5. **Expresses thanks** also to HRH Prince Saud Al Faisal, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and HRH Prince Khalid Al Faisal, Governor for Makkah Al-Mukarramah Province, for supporting the IUMS activities and facilitating its work to help it achieve its objectives.
6. **Extends thanks** to H.H. Prince Faisal bin Abdullah bin Muhammad, the Minister of Education of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Head of Saudi Scouts Society, for his interest in and support for the IUMS.
7. **Expresses** its profound appreciation to H.E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, and to all the OIC General Secretariat staff members for their continuous support to the IUMS.
8. **Thanks** Mr. Luc Panissod, the Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) for his efforts in developing the scout movement and **commends** his efforts in supporting the IUMS programs and activities. It also **wishes** him full success at the end of his term of office. It also **thanks** H.E. Dr. Atef Abdul-Majid, the Secretary General of Arabic Scouts Organization, for his support to the IUMS.
9. **Calls upon** the IUMS to continue organizing scientific trip for university students from Member States to international universities worldwide in order to enhance their knowledge and exchange experience and cultures between students from OIC Member States and students from those countries in implementation of the provisions of the TYPOA. It **calls upon** the Ministers of Higher Education in OIC Member States to support these trips, encourage universities to actively participate in them and to provide the required facilities for their organization.
10. **Calls upon** the IUMS to open more distance learning centers for Muslim students pursuing their education by distance learning worldwide and open more branches of "Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz International Center for Training Distance Learning Students" in OIC Member States that have communities; and **calls upon** the ministers of education in these countries to support these centers.

11. Urges organizations and bodies, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and the Islamic Development Bank to support IUMS plans, activities and projects as well as university students in poor countries to participate in the program of scientific trips for students of universities and higher education institutions in Member States.

D. THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE YOUTH FORUM FOR DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION (ICYF-DC)

1. Appreciates the financial contribution by the Government of Turkey towards the Forum's annual budget, and **calls** upon the Member States as well as the OIC subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions and other Islamic institutions to support the activities of the ICYF-DC, to provide financial contribution towards the ICYF-DC's annual budget and to coordinate their work in the field of youth with the ICYF-DC.

2. Welcomes contribution by the Government of Azerbaijan towards the activities of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF-DC, and **looks forward** to speedy completion of the provisions of the Agreement related to providing ICYF-DC Regional Centre with appropriate office premises. **Welcomes** also proposal by the Government of Kuwait to host the 2nd General Assembly of ICYF-DC in Al-Kuwait in Fall of 2012.

3. Endorses cooperation between the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry and ICYF-DC on "Iqra" comprehensive leadership training program aimed at multifaceted intellectual development of Muslim youth. **Endorses** also Memorandum of Understanding between the ICYF-DC and IDB that envisages a number of activities including implementation of programs in support of youth of Muslim minorities in non-member states. **Welcomes** the concept of Youth Waqf discussed between ICYF-DC and IDB in order to provide sustainable financing towards different projects aimed at thorough development of youth in the Member States and of Muslim minority communities worldwide and calls upon the OIC Member States to contribute towards its development.

4. Welcomes the establishment of the Islamic Countries Young Entrepreneurs Network (ICYEN) initiated by ICYF-DC and aimed at developing of youth entrepreneurship in the OIC Member States and growth in youth employment. Also **welcomes** cooperation between ICYF-DC and the State of Qatar on development of ICYEN Project and looks forward for implementation of the Agreement signed between the ICYF-DC and Qatar Committee for the Alliance of Civilizations. **Invites** IDB and member states to closely work with ICYF-DC in implementation of the Young Entrepreneurs Support Fund (YESF) for opening the special credit line discussed between ICYF-DC and IDB as well as for providing grant tools for ICYEN capacity building in the least developed countries of the OIC.

5. Expresses the assurances that cooperation between the ICYF-DC and the United Nations Organization and its appropriate organs and agencies, especially the United Nations Children Fund, the UNDP Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (UNDP SUSSC), UNESCO, ILO and UNEP will have the effect of further strengthening the capacities of the ICYF-DC, and **welcomes** the cooperation between ICYF-DC and UNDP SUSSC for implementation of the Young Entrepreneurs Development (YED) programme.

5. Appreciates the activities of ICYF-DC in promoting the program of “The OIC Memorial Day for commemoration of humanitarian catastrophes of Muslim communities throughout the Twentieth century”, including partnership with ISESCO and Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States to this end and calls upon the Member States to actively take part in the program. **Welcomes** “Justice for Khojaly” international civil awareness Campaign initiated in the framework of the “OIC Memorial Day Program” and aimed at disseminating of historical truth on the mass massacre of Azerbaijani civilians perpetrated by the Armenian armed forces in the town of Khojaly (the Republic of Azerbaijan) in February 1992, which constitutes the crime against humanity, and **calls upon** Member States and OIC institutions to support and actively participate in the events of the Campaign and exert due efforts for recognition on national and International levels of this genocidal act as crime against humanity.

6. Welcomes the establishment of the Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilization (GYMAoC) at its First Convention held on 7-10 April 2011, in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan and based on the “Youth for the Alliance of Civilizations” initiative developed by the ICYF-DC and presented at the High Level Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan, in November 2007 under the patronage of H.E. Mehriban Aliyeva, the First Lady of Azerbaijan, UNESCO/ISESCO Goodwill Ambassador. **Recognizes** ICYF-DC as the OIC partner in youth related issues in OIC-AoC Cooperation and calls upon the Member States and OIC institutions to support ICYF-DC as the representative of the OIC youth in GYMAoC and coordinate their relevant actions vis-à-vis UN AoC youth programs with relevant position of ICYF-DC including its position for advancing interest of Muslim youth at the forthcoming AoC Vienna Forum.

7. Endorses Memorandum of Understanding between ICYF-DC and National Youth Organization of Iran (NYOIR) signed in November 2009 in Tehran (IRI) and action Plan signed by the parties in November 2010 in follow up to the said MOU and **calls upon** Member States to actively support implementation of the programs, meetings and conferences envisaged in the MOU and its Action Plan.

8. Welcomes launching of new global award by ICYF-DC for young Muslims from across the world titled “10 Young Muslims who can change the World” anticipated to be annual global award to celebrate the success of 10 exceptional young Muslims and the contribution they make to improve the world and calls upon the OIC Member States and institutions to cooperate with ICYF-DC to this end. **Appreciates** ICYF-DC’s initiative to establish National Youth Councils in the OIC Member States, in particular in the MENA region to coordinate the youth activities and **calls upon** the Member States and the OIC institutions to support ICYF-DC for implementation of this endeavor. **Welcomes** the “OIC Model”, an International Relations Training Program initiated by ICYF-DC and envisaged to raise awareness on and promote the OIC as leading international institution throughout the community of Universities in the Member States.

9. Welcomes the cooperation of ICYF-DC with the OIC General Secretariat on whole range of youth issues and as a major partner vis-à-vis implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action in the field of youth related activities and requests the Secretary General to submit annual report on the Forum’s activities to the next session of Council of Foreign Affairs.

10. Requests the ISSF and ICYF-DC to coordinate cooperation on youth affairs, through a memorandum of understanding, with a view of clarifying their respective areas of activities.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 9/39-C
ON
THE 9TH SESSION OF COMIAC

The 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development), held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 01-03 Muharram, 1434H (15-17 November, 2012),

Recalling Resolution No. 13/3-P(IS) adopted by the Third Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah/Taif (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) in June 1981, in favor of establishing a Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) as well as all the resolutions of the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 38th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), the 8th Session of COMIAC, and 9th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Information held in Libreville, Gabon, on 17-20 April 2012,

Recalling the recommendations contained in the 10-Year Program of Action adopted by the Third Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005;

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

- 1. Notes with appreciation** the establishment of the COMIAC Permanent National Secretariat and the Follow-up Committee.
- 2. Expresses satisfaction** with the efforts put in by the Republic of Senegal to reenergize COMIAC.
- 3. Thanks** the Government of Senegal for convening successfully the 9th Session of COMIAC in Dakar on October 11-12, 2010, which was preceded by a follow up meeting of COMIAC.
- 4. Encourages and supports** the cooperation between COMIAC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to explore ways and means that may be mobilized for the Financing of the COMIAC activities.
- 5. Invites** the Member States and concerned institutions to bring their financial support to the COMIAC Programs and Activities through the expeditious payment of voluntary contributions.