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DRAFT RESOLUTION No.1/44-E
ON
AGRICULTURE, TRADE, TOURISM AND TRANSPORTATION

The Forty Fourth Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of _____), held in Yamoussoukro, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on _____ 2017,

Pursuant to the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on intensification of intra-OIC cooperation in the socio-economic domain,

Recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016,

Also recalling the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among Member States of the OIC, adopted as per Resolution No.1/8-E of the Eighth Session of CFM held in Tripoli, Libya on 16-22 May 1977,

Reaffirming the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the OIC Member States, which was adopted by the Twelfth Session of CFM held in Baghdad, Iraq on 1-5 June 1981,

Recalling the Resolutions on Economic Issues adopted by 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan on 18-19 October 2016,

Considering the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), especially those adopted by the 32nd Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 21-24 November 2016,

Commending the various initiatives launched by OIC Member States towards strengthening economic cooperation among the OIC Member States and their respective support for the implementation of relevant OIC resolutions,

Taking into account the reports on activities of the various OIC institutions in the economic domain, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IDB Group, SMIIC and OISA,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General,

A. AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY

Recalling the relevant goals relating to agriculture, rural development and food security, enshrined in the above-mentioned OIC-2025: Programme of Action,

Reaffirming the Resolution on Promoting Food Security and Agricultural Development in OIC Member States adopted by the Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 April 2016,

Taking note of the on-going efforts towards the putting in place the Secretariat of the IOFS in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, particularly the finalization of the Headquarters Agreement between IOFS and the Government of Kazakhstan,

Also taking note of the ratification of the Statute of Islamic Organization for Food Security by the Islamic Republic of the Gambia in October 2016,

Welcoming the conclusion of the Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between IOFS and International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA); the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF); and the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD), respectively, towards implementing joint projects,

Reiterating the role of the newly created Islamic Organization for Food Security, as an OIC specialized institution, in coordinating and implementing OIC policies and programmes on agriculture, rural development and food security,

Recognising the importance of strengthening South-South cooperation among OIC Member States by exchanging experiences, sharing knowledge and transferring technology for sustainable agricultural development, especially IDB's Reverse Linkage (RL) initiative,

Expressing concern at the increasing rate of undernourishment, which is affecting more than 166 million people in OIC Member States,

Conscious of the role of agriculture and rural development in promoting food security and poverty alleviation in OIC Member States, including its significant contribution to inclusive economic growth, social stability and the sustainable use of natural resources,

Taking into account the reports on activities of the various OIC institutions in the domain of agricultural development and food security,

1. **Commends** the Republic of The Gambia for its ratification of the Statute of IOFS and **calls on** all Member States, which have not yet done so, to sign and ratify same;
2. **Also commends** the Government of Kazakhstan for the progress made with regard to the establishment of IOFS Secretariat and the execution of its headquarters agreement;

3. **Urges** Member States to foster closer and more effective South-South cooperation among themselves through exchange of experiences, sharing knowledge and transferring technology for sustainable agricultural development, and replicating best farming practices conducive to the protection and appropriate utilization of resources;
4. **Supports** IDB's Reverse Linkage projects in the domain of agriculture and rural development and **invites** Member States, which have capacities and resources, to establish such cooperation models for needy OIC Member States;
5. **Reiterates** the need for the timely and full implementation of all the relevant resolutions of OIC concerning agriculture and food security by its Member States and institutions.

B. INTRA-OIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Reaffirming the Resolution No.1/43-E adopted by 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan on 18-19 October 2016, with regard to intra-OIC trade and investment,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC, especially those adopted by the 32nd Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 21-24 November 2016,

Taking note of the decision of the Joint General Assembly of Subsidiary Institutions, particularly with regard to the activities of ICDT and SESRIC on trade and investment-related issues,

Expressing satisfaction at the steady increase in the total value of intra-OIC trade in commodities which was US\$ 694.23 billion in 2015, as well as the increase in the volume of intra-OIC trade from 19.33% in 2014 to 20.33% in 2015,

Noting with satisfaction the various actions and interventions of members of the IDB Group in the area of trade financing, which featured cumulative trade approvals by International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) to the tune of US\$ 4.48 billion in 2016, and the various business insurances by ICIEC amounting to US\$ 4.47 billion in 2016,

Commending the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the OIC Member States especially through the COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

Also commending the efforts of the Secretary General for the increase coordination of activities trade and investment promoting agencies of OIC Member States and OIC institutions working in the domain of trade,

Further commending the contributions of the various OIC institutions, including ICDT, IDB, ITFC, ICIEC, ICD and SMIIC in the overall implementation of relevant OIC resolutions on trade and investment promotion,

Expressing appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for convening the World Halal Summit (WHS), in cooperation with SMIIC, held in Istanbul, on 15-17 December 2016,

1. **Calls on** all Member States to furnish database of their trade and investment promotion agencies in order to design relevant capacity building and exchange of best practices among the said agencies;
2. **Invites** all Member States to develop trade related capacity-building programmes for the needy OIC Member States under the triangular and South-South Cooperation programmes among OIC Member States;
3. **Also invites** the IDB Group (ITFC and ICD) and ICCIA and other private sector entities in OIC Member States to participate actively in the biennial Islamic Trade Fairs and other OIC Specialized Trade Fairs, Exhibitions and Forums;

C. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of the OIC Framework for Development and Cooperation in the Domain of Tourism among OIC Member States adopted by 6th Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM) held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic on 29 June - 2 July 2008,

Recalling the Resolution on Tourism Development adopted by 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October 2016,

Expressing satisfaction at the outcomes of the Workshop on the Future Tourism development in Konya, and International Symposium on Konya in Islamic Civilization, held in Konya, Republic of Turkey on 15-16 November 2016 and on 17-19 December 2016 respectively, for the commemoration of the OIC City of Tourism Award 2017,

Welcoming the launching of Madinah Al Munawwarah as OIC City of Tourism 2017, held in Madinah on 18 February 2017,

Expressing its satisfaction at the various programmes/activities commemorating the OIC City of Tourism Award 2017 (Madinah Al Munawwarah), proposed by the Government of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and relevant institutions of the OIC,

Also expressing appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for hosting the 1st Meeting of Working Group on Islamic Tourism, held in Padang, on 29 September 2016,

Noting with appreciation the Study on Muslim Friendly Tourism Branding in the Global Market, prepared by ICDT,

Commending the contributions of the various OIC Institutions in the development of Tourism Sector, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IRCICA, IDB Group, ISESCO, ICCIA and SMIIC,

1. **Calls on** all Member States to take advantage of their participation at the various commemorative ceremonies and activities in Madinah Al-Munawwarah as the OIC City of Tourism 2017 to promote intra-OIC tourism;
2. **Invites** the General Secretariat to liaise with the Islamic Republic of Iran on early arrangements for the commemoration of OIC City of Tourism, 2018 (Tabriz);
3. **Urges** relevant OIC institutions to support member states in organising annual events on Islamic tourism in order to promote intra-OIC tourist flows, through visa facilitation, investment promotion, branding and standardization, and capacity building;
4. **Calls on** SMIIC to create the appropriate standards for the development of expanded Islamic tourist activity among the Member States;
5. **Also Calls on** OIC Member States and their respective Private Sector entities to promote intra-OIC tourism by actively participating in the Third OIC Tourism Fair, scheduled to be held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt on 18-21 October 2017, including the sideline event, the Forum on Public-Private Investors in the area of Tourism;
6. **Further calls on** all Member States to actively participate in the 10th Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM) to be held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 12-14 November 2017.

D. TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT

Recalling the Resolution No.5/11-E (IS) adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 13-14 March 2008,

Also recalling the relevant goals relating to transportation, enshrined in the OIC-2025: Programme of Action adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Turkey on 14-15 April 2016,

Further recalling the Resolution on Cooperation in the field of Transportation among OIC Member States adopted by the First OIC Ministerial Conference on Transportation, which was held in Istanbul, Turkey on 7-10 September 1987,

Acknowledging the important role of transport corridors in promoting connectivity, enhancing trade relations and ensuring cooperation for sustainable development in OIC Member States, including the need for comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal integrated corridors among them,

Convinced of the major contribution of effective transportation infrastructure to inclusive and sustainable development, which unlocks productive potentials by connecting people to opportunities and businesses to markets,

Emphasizing the need for OIC Member States to promote safe and environmentally sound intermodal or multimodal transport corridors with physical and operational connectivity,

Conscious of the fact that transportation networks among OIC Member States remain poorly connected,

Highlighting the need for revival of OIC Ministerial Conference on Transportation in order to review the implementation of all the relevant OIC resolutions concerning transportation, in view of contemporary developmental challenges and attendant changing business environment,

Recognizing the fact that the implementation of the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Project can be more effective within a multi-modal transport corridor,

Aware of the on-going consideration by IDB in respect of Senegal's submission for the financing of its national component of Dakar-Bamako-Sikasso-Bobo-Dioulasso Railway project, which represents an important segment of the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway corridor,

In the light of the Information Note circulated by the General Secretariat with regard to the proposed convening of the Second OIC Conference of Transport Ministers,

Appreciating the efforts of the relevant institutions of the OIC, in particular the IDB, within their respective mandates, to support development of transport infrastructure in OIC Member States, and **encouraging** the latter to further increase their efforts towards mobilizing financial and technical assistance to OIC Member States in this regard,

1. **Calls upon** OIC Member States to indicate their willingness to host the proposed Second OIC Conference of Transport Ministers in 2017/2018

2. **Renews its earlier call** on concerned Member States to prepare and submit their well-designed projects bearing on their national components of OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway corridor for securing adequate technical support and financing from OIC Member States and its development partners;
3. **Calls upon** OIC Member States to work towards developing integrated intermodal transport systems at the national and regional levels that optimally will combine the strengths of various modes of transport and help to achieve transport connectivity in the OIC region.

E. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION POLICY

Recalling the relevant provisions of the OIC-2025: Programme of Action with regard to promoting activities aimed at achieving economic and social development in OIC Member States,

Also recalling the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14-15 April 2016, on the need for a comprehensive OIC infrastructure development policy in order to realize the vision of an integrated OIC economic community,

Further recalling the provisions of the Resolution No.3/40-E adopted by 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013, with regard to expansion of IDB's Youth Employment Support (YES) programme to OIC African Member States,

Reiterating the provisions of the Resolution No. 3/41-E adopted by 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014, with regard to the elaboration of a successor programme to the Special Programme for Development of Africa (SPDA),

Also reiterating the provisions of the Resolution No. 3/43-E adopted by 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan 18-19 October 2016, with regard to the elaboration of OIC policy on infrastructure and regional integration as well as the endorsement of the Special Programme for Central Asia,

Taking note of the Resolution of the 29th Session of COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 18-21 November 2013, with regard to the "Aid for Trade (AfT) Initiative to the Arab States of OIC" launched by the International Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) and aimed at expanding trade,

Aware of the need to incorporate all OIC regional programmes and initiatives into one comprehensive strategy on infrastructure development and regional integration,

Underscoring the importance of regional integration for acceleration of economic growth, social progress and cultural development as well as promotion of regional peace and stability,

Noting the important role played by infrastructure in facilitating the physical integration of OIC economies,

Also noting the preparation and circulation by the General Secretariat of a Zero Draft OIC Infrastructure Development and Regional Integration Policy (OIC-IDRIP) aimed at supporting and mobilizing resources for development of necessary physical and institutional infrastructures to foster the regional integration and economic growth in OIC Member States,

Further noting the comments made by some OIC Member States on the Zero Draft OIC Infrastructure Development and Regional Integration Policy,

1. **Commends** Member States, which have so far submitted their comments on the Zero Draft of OIC-IDRIP and **requests** other Member States to submit theirs in a timely manner;
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to convene an OIC Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting to propose a Draft OIC Infrastructure Development and Regional Integration Policy.

F. GENERAL PROVISION:

Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to E to the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 2/44-E
ON
EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE SECTOR AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION

The Forty Fourth Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of _____), held in Yamoussoukro, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on _____ 2017,

Pursuant to the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on intensification of intra-OIC cooperation in the socio-economic domain,

Recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016,

Also recalling the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among Member States of the OIC, adopted as per Resolution No.1/8-E of the Eighth Session of CFM held in Tripoli, Libya on 16-22 May 1977,

Reaffirming the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the OIC Member States, which was adopted by the Twelfth Session of CFM held in Baghdad, Iraq on 1-5 June 1981,

Recalling the Resolutions on Economic Issues adopted by 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan on 18-19 October 2016,

Considering the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), especially those adopted by the 32nd Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 21-24 November 2016,

Commending the various initiatives launched by OIC Member States towards strengthening economic cooperation among the OIC Member States and their respective support for the implementation of relevant OIC resolutions,

Taking into account the reports on activities of the various OIC institutions in the economic domain, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IDB Group, SMIIC and OISA,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General,

A. LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

Recalling the relevant goals relating to labour, employment and social protection, enshrined in the above-mentioned OIC-2025: Programme of Action,

Reaffirming the importance of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection adopted at the Second Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers (ICLM), as the basic framework for the promotion of intra-OIC cooperation on labour, employment and social protection,

Recalling the Resolution on Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection adopted by the Third Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers held in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia, from 28 to 30 October 2015,

Reiterating the adoption of the Statute of OIC Labour Centre as an OIC specialized institution to be headquartered in Baku, Azerbaijan, by the 43rd Council of Foreign Ministers,

Aware of the challenges posed by the increasing rate of unemployment to the developmental efforts of OIC Member States,

Regretting the slow progress in the operationalisation of the Executive Programme for the Implementation of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection,

Emphasizing the crucial role of productive employment and decent work for all in promoting sustainable development in OIC Member States,

Reaffirming the need for prioritization of training and skills development to increase employability of the workforce and its adaptability to changing labour markets;

Expressing appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its offer to host the Fourth Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers (ICLM) on 29-30 November 2017,

Commending the various OIC institutions for the implementation of capacity building and technical assistance projects in the field of labour, employment and social protection,

1. **Renews its call** on Member States, which sponsored specific projects under the Executive Programme for the Implementation of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection, to intensify efforts towards implementing these projects;
2. **Calls upon** Member States to sign and ratify the Statute of OIC Labour Centre to be headquartered in Baku, Azerbaijan, at their earliest convenience in order to enable early take-off of the Centre;
3. **Urges** Member States to promote joint researches and sharing of best practices and methodologies among themselves in common areas of interest,

especially concerning strategies on employment promotion, skills development, and labour protection;

4. **Welcomes** the offer of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the 4th Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers (ICLM) on 29-30 November 2017 and **invites** all Member States to actively participate in this event.

B. PRIVATE SECTOR

Recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016, which prioritizes the role of the Private Sector for increasing investment and trade, economic growth, industrialization and structural transformation in OIC member states,

Reaffirming the relevant provisions of the Resolution No.1/43-E adopted by 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan on 18-19 October 2016,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions of the 32nd Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 21-24 November 2016,

Commending the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards enhancing cooperation among the OIC Member States in the area of private sector development especially through the COMCEC Working Groups and the COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

Also taking note of the activities under the ISFD with regard to micro-finance support for Small and Medium Enterprises,

Commending the role of the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD), in supporting the economic development of OIC Member States through the provision of finance for private sector projects, promoting competition and entrepreneurship,

Taking into account the report on activities of ICCIA, especially in the area of trade promotion, organization of specialized trade fairs and business forums, as well as capacity building workshops,

1. **Calls on** Member States to mainstream the role of the Private Sector for the advancement of socio-economic cooperation within the OIC, and requests the Secretary General in collaboration of relevant OIC institutions to organize Private Sector events in OIC Member States for this purpose;
2. **Urges** OIC Member States, which have not yet done so, to consider acceding to the Articles of Agreement of the Islamic Corporation for the

Development of the Private Sector (ICD) in its capacity as one of the members of IDB Group;

3. **Requests** OIC Member States to designate their umbrella Chambers of Commerce as accredited member of the ICCIA, in order to strengthen the membership of ICCIA as well as consolidating support for this important corporative representative of the OIC;
4. **Renews its call on** ICCIA to actively participate at the organization of the Islamic Tourism Forum in collaboration with other Public Sector establishments in OIC Member States;
5. **Calls upon** all OIC institutions working in the domain of trade promotion, to coordinate their respective actions with ICCIA with a view to enhancing the effectiveness and wider coverage of OIC trade fairs, exhibitions and specialized forums;
6. **Calls upon** Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) to conduct analytical information on the best practices in the field of Small and Medium Enterprises.

C. **POVERTY ALLEVIATION**

Reaffirming the relevant provisions of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation that encourage activities for the increasing intra-OIC socio-economic cooperation,

Recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016, which, among others, prioritizes the development of Islamic financial products,

Recalling the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among the OIC Member States, adopted as per Resolution No.1/8-E of the Eighth Session of CFM held in Tripoli, Libya on 16-22 May 1977,

Also recalling the relevant provisions of the Resolutions on Economic Issues adopted by 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan on 18-19 October 2016,

I. **Development of Islamic Micro- and Social Finance:**

Recognizing the increasing role of microfinance in alleviating poverty and enhancing social development in OIC Member States,

Recognizing also the imperatives of concessional financing for the purpose of economic empowerment of the vulnerable groups in OIC Member States,

Bearing in mind that Islamic social finance can potentially meet the resource gap for poverty alleviation and addressing the problem of financial exclusion in OIC Member States,

Conscious of the importance of providing access to financial instruments and services, such as credit, savings, insurance and other financial products and services, for the poor people,

Taking note of the approval of US\$111.47 million by the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) for financing a number of projects in the various OIC countries under its Microfinance Support Programme (MFSP),

Noting with appreciation the work of International Conferences on Zakah, which were held in various OIC Member States from 1984 to 2010, and **noting also** their key recommendation to establish a Forum among Zakah institutions,

Taking note of the outcome of the Seminar of Islamic Microfinance for Poverty Alleviation in OIC Member States, held in Bogor, Republic of Indonesia, on 14-15 May 2016,

Commending the continuous efforts of IDB Group, particularly IRTI towards developing Islamic social finance sector in OIC Member States as well as documenting national experiences in this direction,

1. **Requests** OIC Member States to create necessary legal and regulatory environment and supporting infrastructure in order to promote development of microfinance institutions, including Islamic micro- and social finance industry as well as to increase access of the poor people, micro and small enterprises to financial services;
2. **Invites** Member States and relevant OIC institutions to support the efforts of the needy OIC Member States in capacity-building for microfinance institutions to expand their products and services, including by improving their policy and regulatory framework;
3. **Requests** the Secretary General, in collaboration with Member States and relevant OIC institutions, to organize a Forum of Zakah Institutions and Providers in OIC Member States with a view to examining ways and means of effective utilization of Islamic social finance for financing development projects in OIC Member States.

II. Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD):

Recalling the relevant provisions of Final Communique of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14-15 April 2016, with regard to the need to mobilize resources for the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD),

Recalling the relevant Resolutions adopted by 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan on 18-19 October 2016,

Reaffirming its relevant Resolutions on the mobilization of funds for the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD),

Noting the new commitments received made to the ISFD during 2016 from Turkmenistan, Gambia, Guinea, and Comoros amounting to US\$ 2.3 million as well as paid up capital by IDB (US\$ 100 million) and Bangladesh US\$ 1 million),

Also noting with satisfaction the expression made by Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Comoros, Jordan, Nigeria, and Morocco to commit allocation of Wakf landed property as in kind contribution to the ISFD,

Reiterating the need for further mobilisation of funds in order to make-up for the funding gap of US\$ 7.52 billion to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development,

Emphasizing the need to increase disbursements on microfinance, vocational education and training, agriculture and food security programmes, and devising an Islamic model on investing the funds in undertakings and activities for poverty alleviation and development,

Also emphasizing the need to increase financial contributions to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development as a crucial way of expanding its activities towards alleviating poverty, improving social services and infrastructures in OIC Member States, through diversification of resources,

1. **Calls upon** OIC Member States to redeem their respective pledges to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development and to consider making additional commitments on a voluntary basis, including allocation of Waqf in favour of ISFD so as to achieve the target capital of the said Fund, which is US\$ 10 billion;
2. **Calls** for elaboration, through the committees of PRs, of guidelines and procedures on the Islamic model of investing and managing of ISFD with clearly defined criteria, principles, categories of beneficiaries, types of projects, disbursement and repayment modes, etc, in order to encourage private sectors, NGOs and philanthropists to contribute to ISFD and get involved in ISFD projects and activities;
3. **Also calls upon** Private and NGOs sectors, philanthropists and high net-worth individuals in OIC Member States to actively participate in the Fund;

4. **Reiterates its request** to the OIC Secretary General and President of IDB to convene a fund mobilization session in order to mobilize additional funds for ISFD;
5. **Invites** the Secretary General to continue to report on the activities of ISFD.

D. GENERAL PROVISION

Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to C to the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 3/44-E
ON
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO OIC MEMBER STATES AND
MUSLIM COMMUNITIES IN DISPUTED/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND
NON-OIC COUNTRIES WITHIN THE OIC MANDATE

The Forty Fourth Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of _____), held in Yamoussoukro, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on _____ 2017,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Charter of Organization of Islamic Cooperation on enhancing and strengthening the bond of unity and solidarity among Member States,

Reaffirming the Resolution No.4/43-E adopted by 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan on 18-19 October 2016, with regard to Economic Assistance to the OIC Member States and Muslim Communities in Disputed/Occupied and non-OIC countries within the OIC mandate,

Desirous of contributing to the creation of conditions for the promotion of the economic and social progress of OIC Member States, especially its least developed countries,

Concerned about the obstacles OIC Member States face in mobilizing the resources needed to finance their sustained socio-economic development,

Recognizing that the development assistance from well-endowed OIC Member States can only complement national efforts towards achieving sustainable development,

Bearing in mind the requests for assistance on the part of the needy OIC Member States,

1. **Encourages** OIC Member States and other potential donors to continue to assist the needy OIC Member States and Muslim Communities in non-OIC countries in their efforts to achieve sustainable economic growth in line with the ideals of partnership, mutual assistance and solidarity among OIC Member States;
2. **Requests** OIC Member States to promote incentives for private sector to establish businesses in the needy OIC Member States;
3. **Renews its earlier call** on OIC Member States to submit, on an annual basis, information on their respective assistance pursuant to the present and previous resolutions on this matter.

A. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO OIC MEMBER STATES

Economic Assistance to the Republic of Azerbaijan:

Confirming full solidarity of the OIC Member States with the Government and people of Azerbaijan at this very critical time of the country's history,

Referring to the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions regarding this conflict,

Deploring the Armenia-backed aggressive separatism instigated in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan, followed by aggression and occupation by Armenia of about 20 percent of Azerbaijani territories and resulted in violent displacement of almost one million Azerbaijani people from their homes, which, as such, resembles the terrible concept of ethnic cleansing,

Conscious of the fact that economic damage inflicted upon Azerbaijan in its territories currently occupied by Armenia already exceeds US\$60 billion,

Welcoming and appreciating the assistance extended by some Member States and OIC relevant bodies, United Nations institutions and international organizations,

Emphasizing the fact that despite the efforts and achievements of the Republic of Azerbaijan in solving the problems of Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs) and refugees, there is still a need for technical and financial assistance by donor countries and international organizations,

1. **Appeals** to the Member States, International Community and Islamic Institutions to make available to the Government of Azerbaijan the financial and technical assistance with a view of implementing development projects aimed at improvement of social and living conditions of IDPs;
2. **Calls upon** the international organizations to continue to support economic and social development activities of Azerbaijan.

B. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO MUSLIM MINORITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN DISPUTED/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND NON-OIC COUNTRIES WITHIN THE OIC MANDATE

Economic Assistance to the People of Jammu and Kashmir:

Recalling all previous resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on assistance to the Kashmiri people, particularly Resolution 23/30-E of the Thirtieth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,

Expressing deep sympathy to the victims, their families and people of Jammu and Kashmir, who suffered huge loss of life and socio-economic and environmental damage from the massive earthquake that struck South Asia on 8 October 2005,

Expressing concern at the reports of Indian government's selective approach in Indian Occupied Kashmir in assisting flood victims of 2014 on communal basis and ignoring Muslims on the basis of religion,

Also expressing gratitude for the assistance, contributions and pledges of the international community, particularly the Member States for the relief and rehabilitation efforts for the earthquake victims, which reflect the spirit of Islamic solidarity and cooperation to meet the challenges of unprecedented natural disasters,

Acknowledging the interest shown by the Secretary General's Special Representative on Jammu and Kashmir, Ambassador Abdullah Alim in extending financial assistance for development projects in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) during his visit to the region in May 2016,

Welcoming the Secretary General's offers of financing development projects in AJK during his visit to Islamabad in 2014,

Further expressing deep appreciation for the assistance extended to the Kashmiris by some Member States and relevant OIC bodies,

1. **Calls** for expeditiously implementing the recommendations contained in the report of OIC Secretary General's Special Representative for Jammu and Kashmir on his visit to Azad Jammu and Kashmir in May 2016;
2. **Encourages** Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Development Bank to finance through grants/soft loans, development projects in Azad Jammu and Kashmir;
3. **Appeals** to Member States and Islamic Institutions, such as the Islamic Solidarity Fund, Islamic Development Bank and Charitable Institutions, to grant generous humanitarian assistance to the Kashmiri people, whose plight has been aggravated by the devastating earthquake of October 2005;
4. **Encourages** the international community, particularly donor countries, international financial institutions and relevant international organizations from the Islamic World to continue to provide necessary fund and assistance to support the ongoing rehabilitation and reconstruction work in the affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir;
5. **Appeals** to Member States to contribute, wherever possible, to the rehabilitation of people affected by the earthquake disaster in order to

facilitate the economic and social wellbeing since many means of livelihood have been damaged or destroyed;

6. **Also appeals** to Member States and the Islamic Institutions to grant scholarships to the Kashmiri students in different universities and institutions in the OIC countries.

C. GENERAL PROVISION:

Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to B to the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 4/44-E
ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE COMCEC

The Forty Fourth Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of _____), held in Yamoussoukro, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on _____ 2017,

Reaffirming the relevant provisions of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation that encourage activities for the increasing intra-OIC socio-economic cooperation,

Recalling the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among the OIC Member States, adopted as per Resolution No.1/8-E of the Eighth Session of CFM held in Tripoli, Libya on 16-22 May 1977,

Also recalling to the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14-15 April 2016,

Further recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016,

Reiterating the relevant provisions of the Resolutions on Economic Issues adopted by 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan on 18-19 October 2016,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of COMCEC, in particular COMCEC Economic Summit in 2009,

Taking note of the resolutions of the 32nd Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 21-24 November 2016,

Commending the Government of Turkey for its continued support for COMCEC activities,

Express appreciation to the Government of Turkey for successful implementation of Project Cycle Management (PMC) for the benefit of participating Member States,

Also commending COMCEC for its efforts for enhancing cooperation among the OIC Member States in the fields of trade, agriculture, transport and communications, tourism, finance, poverty alleviation and private sector development in the light of the COMCEC Strategy coordinated by COMCEC Coordination Office and in collaboration with various OIC Institutions in the economic domain, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IDB Group, ICCIA, OISA and SMIC,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General,

1. **Renews** its request to the Member States to further their efforts for the implementation of COMCEC's Resolutions, including the resolution of the 32nd Session of the COMCEC No. OIC/COMCEC/32-16/RES as annexed hereto, in a manner consistent with the OIC Charter.

2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report thereon to the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 5/44-E
ON
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RELEVANT OIC INSTITUTIONS
WORKING IN THE ECONOMIC DOMAIN

The Forty Fourth Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of _____), held in Yamoussoukro, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on _____ 2017,

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on follow-up of the implementation of OIC decisions, resolutions and recommendations, including coordination and harmonization of the work of relevant OIC organs,

Reaffirming the Resolution on Activities of the OIC Institutions Working in the Economic Domain adopted by 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan on 18-19 October 2016,

Recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016, particularly the role of OIC institutions working in the economic domain towards attaining the goals of the Programme in the economic domain,

Taking note of the outcome of the Second Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions (ACMOI) held at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on 4-5 December 2016,

Taking into account the reports on activities of the various OIC institutions in the economic domain, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IDB Group, ICCIA, OISA and SMIIC,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General,

A. **STATISTICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (SESRIC)**

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

Conscious of SESRIC's role in preparing background reports and studies on the various agenda items of the relevant OIC Ministerial Conferences and meetings,

Acknowledging the noticeable increase in the number of the reports and studies as well as the training and capacity building programmes of the SESRIC in the recent years,

Bearing in mind the continuous efforts of SESRIC towards initiating and implementing a wide range of capacity building programmes and training courses in different fields and areas of interest to the Member States with a view to enhancing the capacities and quality of their human resources,

Taking note of the outcome of the 38th Meeting of the Board of Directors of SESRIC, held in Istanbul, Turkey on 3-4 October 2016,

Having taken note of the Report of the Secretary General as well as the report of the Joint General Assembly of the Subsidiary Organs,

1. **Calls upon** the Member States to endeavour to implement the recommendations and project proposals contained in the reports and studies of SESRIC submitted to the relevant OIC Ministerial Conferences and meetings;
2. **Invites** SESRIC to continue to conduct joint research projects with relevant regional, international and national research and think-tank institutions and universities on developmental issues of interest to the Member States with a view to generating proposals that will initiate and enhance cooperation among them;
3. **Calls upon** SESRIC to initiate research projects on new socio-economic developmental issues which challenging the efforts of the Members States towards achieving the SDGs, particularly those which are also stipulated in the newly adopted OIC-Agenda 2025;
4. **Calls upon** the Member States to participate in, and support, the activities of SESRIC through designating their National Focal Points (NFPs) for the OIC-VET Programme and activating the role of these NFPs in the process of the implementation of the Programme;
5. **Urges** SESRIC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group to enhance and increase their cooperation to facilitate the implementation of a wide range of training activities within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme;
6. **Commends** the continuous efforts of SESRIC in cooperation with the Member States towards enhancing the technical capacities of National Statistical Organisations (NSOs) of the OIC Member States within the framework of the Centre's Statistical Capacity Building Programme (OIC-StatCaB) and **Calls upon** the Member States to actively participate in the annual Sessions of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom);
7. **Urges** the Member States, which have not done so thus far, for the on-time and regular payment of their annual mandatory contributions to the budget

of the Centre, and to act for the settlement of their outstanding arrears, if any, at the earliest;

B. ISLAMIC CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE (ICDT)

Recalling the Resolution N° 2/3-E (IS) adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 25-28 January 1981, with regard to the creation of the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT);

Bearing in mind the outcome of the Second Meeting of the ACMOI Trade and Investment Sub Committee, which was held in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco on 6 March 2017;

Noting with satisfaction the organization by ICDT of specialized exhibitions on Health, Halal Industry including African Business Halal, Agribusiness Industries, Sports and Leisure Industries, Light Industry and Handicraft, Tourism, Building and Real Estate and Higher Education;

Noting with satisfaction the organization by ICDT of Seminars on TPS-OIC, OIC, Single Window, Exports and investment strategies, Dispute settlement, online webmarketing for women entrepreneurs, WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and Multilateral Trade Negotiations;

Noting with satisfaction the implementation by ICDT of the OIC Trade Map and MacMap, the TPOs and NTBs Observatory websites in order to enhance trade facilitation tools for the benefit of the OIC Member States and contributing to the development of the intra-OIC trade volume.

Taking note of the outcomes of the 14th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Regional Project on Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa, which was held in Conakry, Guinea on 4-5 April 2017;

Taking into account the outcomes of the 34th Meeting of ICDT's Board of Directors, which was held in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco, on 7-8 March 2017;

Welcoming the offer of the State of Kuwait to hold the of the Meeting of the Global Network of Trade Promotion Organs (TPOs) of the OIC Member States and the Forum of Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) of the OIC Member States on the sidelines of the Exceptional Edition of the OIC Trade Fair ;

Taking note of the outcomes of Workshop on "the Mechanisms for Settlement of Trade and Investment Disputes among the OIC Member States", held in Casablanca - Kingdom of Morocco on 20-21 February 2017;

Having considered the activity report submitted by the ICDT;

1. **Calls on** ICDT to continue extending the technical assistance to the Member States in the context of the multilateral trade negotiations and coordinating the positions of Member States within the WTO in close cooperation with IDB Group;
2. **Requests** the ICDT to carry on holding more sector-specific exhibitions and to keep on utilizing professional expertise in these activities, especially in the area of Tourism, Halal, Agribusiness, Green Economy, Health, Higher Education Services, Maritime Economy, Social and Solidarity Economy, Cotton and textiles, Furniture, Interior Decoration and Building. Also, requests ICDT to prepare regularly progress reports and to submit them to the relevant OIC fora;
3. **Also requests** ICDT to carry on organizing the Training and Awareness raising Seminars on the TPS-OIC and its Protocols in the different regions of the OIC in a bid to sensitize the Member States to complete their membership to the TPS-OIC;
4. **Further requests** ICDT to disseminate the outcomes of the survey and the guidelines for setting up Single Windows in the OIC Countries and to identify best practices to share;
5. **Urges** subsidiary organs and funding institutions to support technically and financially the activities related to the Regional Project on Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa, notably the mission of formulation of bankable projects and the organization of the Second Donors Conference.
6. **Takes** note of the appeal made by the Director General of ICDT to Member States to grant voluntary contributions to ICDT in order to finance the new initiatives to be launched by the Centre like the Afro-Asia Trade Bridge and the Single Window and Trade facilitation Programme for Africa;
7. **Endorses** the ICDT draft work programme for the year 2018, which was adopted by the 34th Meeting of ICDT's Board of Directors held in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco, on 7-8 March 2017.

C. ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE (ICCIA)

Commending the efforts of the ICCIA in organizing Forums, Training Program, B2B Meetings, Seminars and Workshops in order to galvanize the role of the Private Sector to expand their network and increase their trading and investment opportunities,

Bearing in mind the programmes of ICCIA in the areas of Halal, Innovation and Excellence Award (ITQAN), SMEs Development, Entrepreneurship Development, Poverty Alleviation, Microfinance and Development of Women and Youth-led-Enterprises,

Taking note of the outcomes of the 9th Forum of Businesswomen in Islamic Countries held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 25 May 2016,

Also taking note of the efforts by ICCIA in the area of proposing modalities for the creation of a permanent body for the settlement of disputes arising under the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investment among the OIC Member States,

Noting with appreciation the cooperation of ICCIA with OIC Institutions and the UN Specialized agencies, namely UNIDO, UNDP and UN Office for South-South Cooperation,

Having noted the activity report submitted by the ICCIA,

1. **Calls upon** all interested parties to collaborate with the ICCIA in the areas of Halal, Innovation and Excellence Award (ITQAN), SMEs Development, Arbitration, Entrepreneurship Development, Poverty Alleviation, Microfinance and Development of Women and Youth-led-Enterprises;
2. **Also calls upon** the relevant stakeholders to undertake efforts for the realization of the proposed recommendations of the forums of Businesswomen in Islamic Countries, especially those related to facilitating easy access to finance and promoting investment opportunities for Businesswomen;
3. **Invites** the OIC Member States to encourage their private sector establishments and other stakeholders to actively participate in the ICCIA organized events during the year, particularly: the 17th Private Sector Meeting of the OIC Countries; 10th Businesswomen Forum in Islamic Chamber; Workshop on Key Infrastructure Development for Rural Growth for OIC Countries, Istanbul, Turkey; Sector-wise Trade Exchange

Forum among Islamic Countries; and Innovation and Excellence Award (ITQAN);

4. **Further invites** OIC Member States to encourage their private sector establishments and other stakeholders to actively participate in the Specialized Workshop on (Food Security/Entrepreneurship Development & IT/Development of SMEs); Forum/Workshop for Private Sector Investors in the area of Development of Islamic Tourism; Conference on Muslim Business-Owners; and Chambers of Commerce Forum, among others.

D. STANDARDS AND METROLOGY INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (SMIIC)

Commending the activities of Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) in the area of standardization, metrology, accreditation and their impact on trade facilitation, trade promotion and capacity building.

Welcoming the membership of Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Djibouti, and Republic of Iraq and Kingdom of Thailand as observer to SMIIC, which has increased the number of SMIIC Member States to 33 along with 3 Observers.

Also welcoming the establishment of SMIIC Information System (IS), which is designed to provide an electronic collaborative environment for the technical work of SMIIC's committees in accordance with SMIIC Directives and a database for general activities of the Institute.

Further welcoming the new SMIIC website covering all required information in a more sophisticated design which is integrated with SMIIC Information System (IS) and allows the online sale of OIC/SMIIC standards worldwide.

Taking note the establishment of five new Technical Committees in SMIIC on Halal Supply Chain (proposed by Malaysia), Halal Management System, Dangerous Goods Transportation Requirements on Transportation, Jewelry and Petroleum and Petroleum Products (proposed by Turkey).

Welcoming the establishment of SMIIC Committee on Standards for Conformity Assessment (SMIIC/CCA) for preparation of guides/standards on criteria for bodies involved in testing, calibration, certification, inspection, accreditation, their operation and assessment, other related standards and especially halal conformity assessment and accreditation guidelines or standards.

Noting with satisfaction the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) *between SMIIC and International Trade Center (ITC)* to provide a framework for cooperation to improve the quality and availability of information on OIC/SMIIC Halal standards, *MoU between SMIIC and African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO)* to

provide a framework for cooperation in standardization and its related fields and *MoU between SMIIC and Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO)* to enhance the current level of cooperation between two institutions.

Acknowledging the role of SMIIC for the achievement of goals defined in the OIC - 2025 Programme of Action to promote trade exchanges among the OIC Member States, increase production and competitiveness of products as well as to increase intra-OIC trade.

Expressing its appreciation to SMIIC for supporting the organization of the World Halal Summit (WHS) Istanbul on 15-17 December 2016 under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey which was aimed at raising awareness of halal products, engaging in halal production and services in all fields and bringing together market leaders and halal product experts.

Acknowledging the Capacity Building activities of SMIIC for OIC Member States in the fields of quality infrastructure elements.

Welcoming the organization of the First Thermometry Training given on the 09-13 May 2016 and the Advanced Thermometry Training on 05-09 September 2016 by Institute of Metrology of Bosnia and Herzegovina (IMBIH) in Sarajevo.

Taking note of the Technical Committee meetings and SMIIC IS Training held on 27-31st March 2017.

Having noted the report on the activities of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC),

1. **Urges** the Member States to accede to the membership of SMIIC and to actively participate in its Technical Committees (TCs) and other technical activities of SMIIC organs such as metrology and accreditation;
2. **Invites** OIC Member States to adopt and use the OIC/SMIIC Standards as their national standards in order to aid the harmonization of standards and eliminate the technical barriers to trade among OIC Member States;
3. **Calls upon** OIC Member States who are using OIC/SMIIC Standards to officially adopt the standards according to SMIIC adoption guidelines and to be included in the SMIIC database;
4. **Requests** the Member States to engage in close cooperation with SMIIC and OIC Institutions in order to improve the quality infrastructure systems of the OIC Least Developed Countries (LDCs);
5. **Calls upon** the Member States to participate in the 5th OIC Halal Expo and Istanbul 2017 World Halal Summit to be held under the auspices of

the Presidency of The Republic of Turkey on 23-25 November 2017, Istanbul which is organized in coordination with SMIIIC General Secretariat and ICDT;

6. **Invites** all interested parties to cooperate on halal standard and accreditation issues with the SMIIIC as the technically competent and authorized platform for these issues;
7. **Further calls upon** the International Islamic Fiqh Academy to support SMIIIC and provide any necessary fatwa and advice particularly regarding halal issues;
8. **Requests** the Member States to participate and contribute to the various training programs conducted by SMIIIC including: OIC/SMIIIC Standards and OIC/SMIIIC 1 Halal Food auditors training programs.

Invites IDB group to support SMIIIC with training and programs in the fields of standards, metrology, accreditation and improvement in quality infrastructure.

E. ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION (OISA)

Recalling the Resolution No. 4/3-E (IS) adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Mecca Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 25-28 January 1981, with regard to the creation of the Organization of the Islamic Shipowners Association (OISA),

Taking note of the outcome of the 38th Executive Committee and 29th Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of the Islamic Shipowners Association held in Dubai, United Arab of Emirates on 23 October 2016,

Acknowledging the role of maritime training institutions in providing the maritime transport market with highly trained and qualified personnel in compliance with the international standards in order to ensure the success of the maritime transport development plans in OIC Member States,

Conscious of the need to increase marine academies and training centers to train citizens of OIC countries in order to enable them serve on vessels owned by shipping companies of OIC Member States and other international shipping companies,

Emphasizing the need to increase financing infrastructure projects in the maritime industry, including identifying different methods of financing for the building and purchasing of ships to strengthen the maritime commercial fleet in OIC Member States,

1. **Urges** investors and financing institutions to support the development of marine transport, including maritime commercial fleet in OIC Member States;
2. **Requests** OIC Member States to encourage their shipping companies to register their tonnage with the Islamic P&I Club (IPIC) and benefit from its services;
3. **Also requests** OISA to reactivate its Bakkah Shipping Company in order to promote shipping transportation and starting permanent shipping line between OIC Member States;
4. **Urges** OIC Member States to encourage their shipping companies to utilize Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard (ASRY), Turkish Shipbuilders' Association (GISBIR) and other shipyard companies in OIC Member States for building, repairing and maintenance of their vessels;
5. **Requests** OIC Member States to encourage their shipping companies to register their under construction vessels and new buildings with Emirates Classification Society (TASNEEF) in order to utilize their best classification services.

F. GENERAL PROVISION:

Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to E to the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
