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The Fifty-First Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Under the Theme: The OIC in a Transforming World) held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye 21st – 22nd June 2025 (25th - 26th Dhu 'l-Hijjah 1446H);

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. **Taking note** of the report of the Secretary General included in Document No. OIC/CFM-51/2025/IPHRC/SG-Rep;
2. **Requests** the IPHRC to continue its work towards fulfilling its objectives as stipulated in its Statute and to continue providing the CFM with its expert advisory opinion on all human rights issues of concern / interest to the OIC;
3. **Takes note** of the reports of the 23rd & 24th IPHRC Regular Sessions which include Outcome Documents on the topics of: (a) *'Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Human Rights: Challenges and Opportunities.'*; (b) *'Right to Health: An Islamic and Human Rights Perspective'* as contained in document Nos. OIC/ IPHRC-23/2024 Rep. Final and OIC/ IPHRC-24/2024 Rep. Final respectively;
4. **Welcomes** adoption of *'Jeddah Declaration on the Guiding Principles on Artificial Intelligence Governance and Human Rights Protection'* adopted by the Commission during the thematic debate of 23rd Regular Session and reaffirms the coherent and comprehensive guidance to the Member States. This foundational document reinforces the collective commitment to deployment of responsible AI and qualifies the OIC as a proactive contributor and leader in global digital governance dialogues. It is hopeful to be instrumental in shaping the national strategies and action plans;
5. **Also takes note** of the detailed deliberations and their outcomes that took place within IPHRC's four Working Groups on: *Human Rights Situation of Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT), Family Rights, Women and Child Rights; Islamophobia and*

Muslim minorities; Right to Development; and the Standing Mechanism on monitoring human rights situation in the Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IoJK);

6. **Acknowledges** active role of the OIC-IPHRC to raise the issue of worsened human rights situation in OPT and humanitarian crisis in Gaza Strip (Palestine) during its regular sessions and at multiple international forums. OIC-IPHRC, besides highlighting the core issue of ending the Israeli occupation and the need for Palestinian peoples (Palestine) to realize their inalienable right to self-determination, issued press statements on all human rights developments in the OPT. The Commission categorically rejected any proposals to forcibly displace Palestinian peoples (Palestine) from the Gaza Strip as illegal and violative of international humanitarian law. The Commission underscored that the international community has a legal and moral duty to prevent such actions, hold perpetrators accountable, and ensure the protection of displaced populations. Any attempt to forcibly remove Palestinian peoples (Palestine) from their homeland, whether through direct military action, coercion, or denial of essential services, is unequivocally condemned and must be addressed under international legal mechanisms;
7. **Welcomes** the holding of a high-level event on the topic of “*International Court of Justice (ICJ) Judgement on Gaza: Implications for Future and Possible Way Forward*” during its 23rd Regular Session and calls on the General Secretariat to undertake necessary actions to implement legal, diplomatic and humanitarian measures recommended during the event to redress the sufferings of the people of Palestine in Gaza Strip. Also urges the General Secretariat to ensure continuous engagement and collaboration with OIC-IPHRC during the ongoing ICJ proceedings on Gaza Strip;
8. **Urges** the Commission to continue to engage with the General Secretariat, and State of Palestine, and the United Nations UN Special Procedures, UN United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to gather information on human rights violations committed by the Israel occupying power and accordingly issue press statements and reports and support humanitarian actions; and **requests** the Department of Palestine and Al-Quds of the OIC General Secretariat to closely coordinate with the Commission to facilitate their second visit to **State of Palestine (Palestine)** including Gaza, as soon as the security environment permits;
9. **Further urges** the OIC-IPHRC to hold an international event in collaboration with interested Member States and General Secretariat to protect the rights of Palestinian children in Gaza Strip (Palestine) and provide targeted humanitarian support;
10. **Recalls** the comprehensive report of OIC-IPHRC field visit to Rohingya Refugee Camps in Bangladesh in 2018, which provided first-hand information on the human rights violations committed by the Myanmar authorities with concrete recommendations to different stakeholders to alleviate the sufferings and ensure the rights of Rohingya Muslims at all levels. **Appreciates** contributions of the OIC-IPHRC to the OIC Ad hoc Ministerial Committee on Accountability and Justice for Rohingya and requests it to continue to assist the Committee in the ongoing legal case in the International Court of Justice. Also **requests** the Commission to continue to sensitize the international community on human rights and humanitarian aspects of the prevailing Rohingya Muslims crisis, including intensifying cooperation with the UN Special Envoy on Myanmar and Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) to

alleviate the sufferings of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar and those in refugee camps in the neighboring countries;

11. **Further recalls** the Second visit of the OIC-IPHRC to the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir from 4-8th August 2021 to investigate and report upon the allegations of human rights violations and assess the human rights and humanitarian situation in the IOJK. Also, **urges** OIC-IPHRC to continue to impress upon the Indian Government to provide access to the OIC-IPHRC fact finding visit to objectively report on the human rights situation in IOJK;
12. **Appreciates** the invitation extended by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to IPHRC to undertake a follow up visit to the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir to meet with the Kashmiris from IOJK and assess the human rights situation and publish an updated report with concrete recommendations;
13. **Expressed concern** over the worsening human rights situation in the Central African Republic (CAR) where the Muslim minority continue to face serious violations of human rights. **Urges** the Commission to: (a) continue reporting on the human rights and humanitarian crisis in CAR and also work with the IsDB, Islamic Solidarity Fund and other multilateral agencies to establish a humanitarian corridor to provide relief to the population; (b) work closely with the OIC General Secretariat for second fact finding visit to CAR to carry out an evaluation of the human rights situation;
14. **Welcomes** the decision of the 20th Extraordinary Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers held on 7th March 2025 to reinstate the membership of the Syrian Arab Republic (SAR) in the OIC. While taking note of the evolving human rights and humanitarian situation in the SAR requests the IPHRC to support the ongoing efforts by discussing the situation during its upcoming sessions with a view to safeguarding the rights of vulnerable groups including women, children, persons with disabilities, refugees and internally displaced persons;
15. **Urges** the Commission to continue to collaborate with UN and international entities to prevent negative stereotyping of religions and religious personalities as well as corresponding incitement to hatred, discrimination and violence based on one's religion; To this end, encourages meaningful participation of OIC-IPHRC in relevant meetings of the Istanbul process and related Conferences;
16. **Welcomes** the signing of **Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)** of technical Cooperation with the League of Arab States and OIC institutions of SESRIC, and the Federation of OIC News Agencies (UNA). The signing of the MoUs is part of the efforts made by OIC-IPHRC to expand its networks and relations with various international and regional entities. Appreciates that prior to this, IPHRC has already signed MoUs with the National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic of Turkiye, Republic of Azerbaijan, Malaysia, Republic of Uzbekistan and **Kingdom of Morocco (Morocco)**. These partnerships shall strengthen cooperation to promote and protect human rights within the Member States. The collaboration shall facilitate the exchange of technical expertise and resources, fostering a more unified approach to addressing regional human rights challenges;
17. **Appreciates** the efforts of the IPHRC in establishing cooperative linkages with the National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) of Member and Observer States, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Regional Human Rights Institutions and OIC Institutions and requests the IPHRC to consider

convening an annual thematic conference with participation of interested NHRIs of Member and Observer States, OHCHR, Regional Human Rights Institutions and relevant OIC Institutions to facilitate the exchange of expertise and best practices in the field of human rights;

18. **Further appreciates** the valuable contributions made by the OIC-PHRC to finalize '*The Cairo Declaration of the OIC on Human Rights (CDOHR)*' and urges the General Secretariat to organize a high-profile event to launch/showcase the CDOHR to the international human rights community;
19. **Acknowledges and appreciates** the Commission's valuable work to review and finalize a revised text of the '*OIC Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam*' in accordance with the universal human rights standards on the Rights of the child. Also **requests** the Secretary General to expedite the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the subject to finalize the revised text entitled "**OIC Convention on the Rights of the Child**", prepared by the IPHRC, for consideration by the next CFM;
20. **Commends** the participation of the Executive Director of the IPHRC Secretariat, on the invitation of the President of the Human Rights Council, in the High-Level Segment and Annual High-Level Panel Discussion on Human Rights Mainstreaming Theme: *Commemorating the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action* held during 58th Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva. **Acknowledges** that this marks the first time that the President of the Human Rights Council has invited the IPHRC Secretariat to independently participate and deliver statements in these two high-level events. The invitation to participate reflects IPHRC's credible efforts to strengthen international engagement, enhance its visibility, and expand advocacy and cooperative networks;
21. **Recalls** the comprehensive follow up report of the OIC-IPHRC fact-finding mission, and the recommendation therein, to the areas of the Republic of Azerbaijan, which were liberated from the occupation of Armenia in 2020 which was undertaken on the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 2-6 September 2023. While endorsing the recommendation contained in the said report, urges the Member States and General Secretariat to implement the recommendations of the said report and raise the matter with relevant authorities in coordination with OIC Missions in Geneva and New York;
22. **Applauds** the initiative of the Government of Republic of Azerbaijan to confer upon Prof. Dr. Noura Zaid Alrshoud, Executive Director of the IPHRC Secretariat, Jubilee Medal for the "*20th Anniversary of the Institution of the Human Rights Commissioner (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan (2002-2022)*" approved by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. While congratulating *Prof. Dr. Noura Zaid Alrshoud*, recognizes her valuable contributions and commitment to advancing the causes of the OIC and IPHRC in the field of human rights. This prestigious award underscores the growing recognition of collective efforts in upholding and promoting human rights values consistent with Islamic principles. Besides, enhancing the visibility of the Commission, it shall serve as an inspiration for women across the OIC region, further catalyzing the causes of women empowerment within Muslim communities;

23. **Takes note** of the visit of the IPHRC Secretariat, on invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China to Beijing, Tianjin and cities in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region from 13-19 October 2024. Acknowledges that the visit reflects the IPHRC's commitment to constructive engagement and dialogue with the Chinese Government on human rights issues concerning Muslim communities in China. Urges the Commission to continue its deliberations on the subject during the closed meetings of its Regular Sessions;
24. **Appreciates** the Commission's activities in the year **2024-2025**, which included participation of the IPHRC Secretariat in the: (i) Conference on "***Ancient Education in Africa: Knowledge and Peace***" held in January 2024 in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania; (ii) **Global Family Policy Forum** organized by **Family Watch International in Arizona**, USA in January 2024; (iii) **68th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)** in March 2024; (iv) OIC General Secretariat delegation **visiting Kabul**, Afghanistan from 19-21 April 2024 to meet with the political leadership of the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and representatives of the United Nations, European Union, civil society and Afghan women organizations to discuss issues related to women education and empowerment in Afghanistan; (v) **1st International Media, Digital Culture and Religion Congress** held in Kayseri, Republic of Turkiye from 26-28 April 2024; (vi) On the invitation of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation, contributed in the meeting of the **All-Russian Coordination Council of Commissioners for Human Rights held on the theme: "The rights of residents of hard-to-reach, remote and rural areas"** at Makhachkala, Republic of Dagestan on 20-22 May 2024; (vii) **IV Samarkand Human Rights Forum on "Environmental Challenges: The future of human rights in changing world, the search for sustainable solutions"** held in Samarkand on 13-14 June 2024; (viii) **UN-OIC General Meeting on Cooperation** held in the International Organization for Food Security (IOFS) Headquarters in Astana, Kazakhstan on 22-24 July, 2024 and contributed towards the finalization of the matrix of the cooperative framework between OIC and UN; (ix) International Conference on "***Addressing the problem of missing persons: upholding 'the right to know' for the families***" held on 2-3 October 2024 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan; (x) On the invitation of Ombudsman and Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Azerbaijan, participated in the **International Baku Forum of Ombudsmen on Climate Change and Human Rights: The Role of National Human Rights Institutions** held from 2-4 October 2024; (xi) On the invitation of High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation, participated in the **VIII International Scientific and Practical Conference "Issues of Human Rights Protection: Exchange of Best Practices of Ombudspersons"** held in Moscow on 10th October 2024; (xii) **Meeting of the Focal points of Regional Human Rights Mechanisms** organized by UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights held in Washington, USA; (xiii) '**High level Forum on the International Islamic Court of Justice**' held in Kuwait from 11-12 February, 2025; (xiv) **69th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women** held in New York, USA from 10-14 March 2025;
25. **Acknowledges and appreciates** the role of the IPHRC Secretariat during its participation in the Symposium to disseminate the Jeddah Declaration on the Status of Women in Islam organized by the OIC General Secretariat and UN Assistance Mission on Afghanistan (UNAMA) held in Kabul on 15-16 February 2025. The participation helped in raising awareness about the guiding principles contained in

the Jeddah Declaration and also helped to remove misperceptions about the rights of women including their right to education;

26. **Further appreciates** the efforts of the Commission towards protection and promotion of the rights of women and girls. Also, urges the Commission to consider devising a platform/mechanism for intensification of efforts for promotion and realization of right to education for girls in different parts of Muslim communities in accordance with the Islamic values and principles and universal human rights standards;
27. **Welcomes** the adoption by the OIC-IPHRC of its “*Arrangements of Mutual Cooperation with Human Rights Organizations and Research Institutions*” and notes that these arrangements define and organize mutual cooperation with human rights organizations, research, academic institutions and think tanks, etc. While appreciating the efforts of the OIC-IPHRC Secretariat to strengthen collaboration with NHRIs, **requests** the Secretariat to consider establishing collaborative relationship with Member States’ academic institutions, universities, and think tanks on joint projects to pursue common objectives in the field of human rights. Further recommends the Commission to initiate project of peer-reviewed academic journal dedicated to human rights research for scholars and researchers to publish and disseminate their work. This initiative would aim to enhance knowledge-sharing, promote academic discourse, and contribute to evidence-based policymaking in the field of human rights;
28. **Welcomes** the finalization of the activities under UN-OIC Cooperation Framework agreed upon during the meeting held on 22-24 July 2024 in Astana, Kazakhstan Further, urges the IPHRC to continue to collaborate with the UN, OIC General Secretariat and Subsidiary Organs to hold these activities and report the outcome of these activities;
29. **Welcomes** the election of the nine Members of the Commission (Annex-1) held during the 51st Session of CFM, for a period of three years starting from August 2025;
30. **Urges** Member States and relevant OIC Organs, including IsDB, to take full advantage of the Commission’s advisory expertise, including by enhancing interaction and exploring avenues for developing joint projects and cooperation; as well as to support the work and activities of OIC-IPHRC;
31. **Urges** Member States to collaborate with IPHRC to consider hosting regular sessions of the Commission in their capitals, in accordance with the IPHRC Rules of Procedure, to enhance the visibility of the Commission’s work and also strengthen cooperative networks;
32. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Government of KSA for its continued support to the OIC-IPHRC Secretariat in Jeddah, and for its provision of required logistics and services. Also **requests** all Member States to continue to extend their support to the OIC-IPHRC enabling it to conduct its mandated tasks and activities with optimum facilitation;
33. **Expresses** its thanks to the Secretary General for his valuable efforts to facilitate the work of OIC-IPHRC and requests him to continue extending support to the Commission from the General Secretariat to enable OIC-IPHRC to carry out its mandate in an organized and efficient manner;

34. **Requests** further the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this Resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 51st Session of the CFM.

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Annex-1

Election of Nine Members of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) for a Period of Three Years

The Fifty-First Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (The OIC in a Transforming World), held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 25-26 Dhul Hijjah 1446. (Corresponding to 21-22 June 2025), proceeded to the election of nine Members of IPHRC for a term of three (3) years, starting from **August 2025**, pursuant to Article 3 of the IPHRC Statute as well as Rule 4 and 66 of the IPHRC Rules of Procedure.

The outcome of the election is the following:

African Group:

- Ms. Namizata Sangare (Republic of Côte d'Ivoire)
- Mr. Alhousseine Thiam (Republic of Guinea)
- Mr. Outhmane Abderahman Hamdane (The Republic of Tchad)

Arab Group:

- Judge Dr. Mansour Abdullah Al Tawalibah (The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan)
- H.E Ms. Maryam Bint Abdallah AlAtiyya (The State of Qatar)
- Mr. Muhammad Abdul Wahab Rafiqi (The Kingdom of Morocco)

Asian Group:

- Prof. Dr. Mirzatillo Tillabaev (Republic of Uzbekistan)
 - Ambassador Riffat Masood (Islamic Republic of Pakistan)
 - Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr Aishah Bidin (Malaysia)
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