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ON
THE RULES GOVERNING OBSERVER STATUS
AT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

The Thirty-eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28-30 June 2011 A.D.),

Taking note of Article IV of the amended OIC Charter containing the conditions to be fulfilled to grant Observer Status,

Recalling previous resolutions adopted in this regard, the latest of which is included in the report of the 37th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers,

Taking note of the increasing number of requests for Observer Status at the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC),

Convinced that promoting Islamic causes and achieving greater conciliation and understanding between the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and the non-Member States and international as well as regional organizations is considered a desirable goal,

Taking note, with appreciation, the report of the Secretary General included in Document No. (OIC/CFM-38/2011/ORG/SG.REP.1),

1. Thanks the Secretary General for the work done by the General Secretariat to prepare a proposal on the criteria for granting Observer Status to States in accordance with the Charter of the Organization, and submit a report thereon to the Group of Experts;

2. Thanks also the Intergovernmental Group of Experts revising the Draft Rules Governing Observer Status at the OIC for the efforts it deployed in drafting these rules;

3. Approves the Draft Rules Governing Observer Status at the OIC in accordance with document no. (OIC/4-EGG/2011/DR.OS/REV.5);

4. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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RULES GOVERNING
OBSERVER STATUS AT
THE ORGANIZATION OF THE
ISLAMIC CONFERENCE
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CHAPTER I

SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

ARTICLE (1)

These Rules are promulgated in implementation of the Provisions of Article 4 of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference adopted by the 11th Islamic Summit Conference held in Dakar, Senegal on 6-7 Rabie Al Awal 1429 H (13-14 March 2008).

ARTICLE (2)

Definitions:

The terms indicated hereinafter, wherever appearing in the present Rules, shall have the meaning as indicated opposite each of them:


Organization: The Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).


Secretary General: The Secretary General of the OIC.

General Secretariat: The General Secretariat of the OIC.

Chairman: The Chairman of a meeting of the CFM.

Observer: The Observer at the OIC as accepted in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

Rules: Rules governing the Observer Status at the OIC.
CHAPTER II
CATEGORIES OF OBSERVERS

ARTICLE (3)

Observer status at the Organization of the Islamic Conference may be granted as set forth by Article 4 of the OIC Charter in accordance with these Rules to applicants from:

(a) Member States of the United Nations eligible for observer status under the provisions of the Charter and wishing to follow the activities of the Organization as Observers

(b) International and regional intergovernmental organizations eligible for observer status under the provisions of the Charter and wishing to follow the activities of the Organization as Observers.

CHAPTER III
CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

ARTICLE (4)

The State applying for observer status shall submit the application to the Secretary General, at least 4 months before the convening of the CFM meeting, enclosing a written explanation which shall include the following:

1. Statistics as to the percentage of Muslims in its territory compared to the total population and to the adherents of other religions in this State;

2. Information on the situation of Muslims in this State and on the adequacy of its legislation in force for the Muslim communities, ensuring them to enjoy their rights on equal basis with the adherents of other religions in this State.

ARTICLE (5)

The State applying for observer status shall commit to protect and promote the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, and fundamental freedoms of the Muslim Minorities and Communities holding its nationality on a par with all its other citizens, as provided for in related international agreements.

ARTICLE (6)

The application for Observer Status at the Organization shall include the applicant’s commitment to and respect for the principles and objectives of the Charter, and that its conduct shall not be in contradiction with the resolutions, the rules and regulations of the OIC.
ARTICLE (7)

The State applying for observer status shall settle its conflicts with any of the OIC Member States.

ARTICLE (8)

The General Secretariat shall circulate the applications for Observer Status to the Member States at least ninety days before the CFM, upon fulfilling the conditions stipulated above.

ARTICLE (9)

The Council shall consider applications for observer status submitted through the General Secretariat, and decisions by the Council to grant observer status shall be adopted by consensus only.

ARTICLE (10)

The Council may cancel or suspend the Observer Status by consensus only if the observer fails to meet some or all the conditions for obtaining this status. The status may be restored upon the absence of the reasons that led to the cancellation or suspension of the observer status by a decision of the Council.

CHAPTER IV
RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

ARTICLE (11)

(a) After the approval of the meeting, the Chairman of a Meeting, whenever he deems it appropriate, may allow the observer to deliver or distribute a statement in the Plenary Session and to make necessary clarifications if deemed appropriate.

(b) Observers shall have no right to vote or to sponsor draft resolutions nor to submit proposals or draft resolutions. They shall have no right to submit candidatures in any elections within the OIC framework.

(c) Subject to the Agreement on the Immunities and Privileges of the OIC, the representatives of an observer at the Organization shall enjoy the immunities and privileges necessary for carrying out their functions and missions. These representatives may also enjoy the facilities provided by the host State of the meeting to the members of participating delegations. Invitees mentioned in Article 13 below may enjoy the same facilities.
(d) Observers referred to in Article (3) may be invited to attend meetings relating to their field of activity according to the provisions detailed in these rules.

(e) Observers shall not attend the closed sessions of the Meeting except through an initiative from the Chairman after the approval of the Meeting.

(f) Observers may participate in the OIC Working Groups Meetings at the request of the Chairmen of these Groups after approval of the Member States.

**CHAPTER V**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE (12)**

The Organization shall not bear any financial obligations resulting from the participation of observers in the meetings.

**ARTICLE (13)**

Representatives from Muslim communities, institutions and personalities from non-Member States whose action, credibility or participation may help promote the objectives of the OIC Charter, Council or Meetings, may be invited to attend the meetings of the Organization as guests on ad-hoc basis after coordination with the host State.

The Secretary General shall circulate, sixty days before the meeting, for consideration by the Member States a list of the aforesaid representatives who may be invited to attend the meetings of the Organization. In the absence of any objection from any Member State, which must be communicated to the Secretariat at least 30 days prior to the meeting, the Secretary General may recommend to the host country of the meeting in question that these representatives be invited as guests on ad-hoc basis.

The Secretary General shall prepare periodic reports on the situation of Muslim minorities and communities living in the country which was granted the observer status.

**ARTICLE (14)**

These Rules shall not affect the Status of current observers at the time of their adoption. Those observers shall be governed by these new rules upon their approval by the Council.
ARTICLE (15)

These Rules shall come into force as of the date of their approval by the Council.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2/38-ORG
ON
OIC AFFILIATION REQUEST SUBMITTED BY
THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN MALAYSIA

The Thirty-Eight Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011),

Recalling the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) particularly of creating conditions conducive for sound upbringing of Muslim children and youth, and inculcating in them Islamic values through education for strengthening their cultural, social, moral and ethical ideals,

Recalling Article 25 of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), “Affiliated institutions are entities or bodies whose objectives are in line with the objectives of this Charter, and are recognized as affiliated institutions by the Council of Foreign Ministers. Membership of the institutions is optional and open to organs and institutions of the Member States. Their budgets are independent of the budget of the General Secretariat and those of subsidiary organs and specialized institutions,

Recalling Resolution No. 9/14-C on the International Islamic University in Malaysia, adopted by the 14th session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers which commended the establishment of the International Islamic University in Malaysia and called on member states to sign the documents of its establishment in the framework of cultural cooperation with the Government of Malaysia so that the University can achieve the objectives for which it was established.

Recalling also Resolutions 10/4-C(I.S.) and 2/5-C(I.S.) adopted by the fourteenth and fifteenth sessions of the Islamic Summit respectively which commended the signing of the agreement establishing the University in Malaysia with the OIC and called on the ISF and other OIC Specialized Organs and Institutions to provide all moral, technical and financial assistance to the university,

Having considered the proposal from International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM);

Recognizing the contributions of the International Islamic University Malaysia towards capacity building and advancement of knowledge in the OIC Member States since its inception:

1. **Decides** to accept the request of affiliation of the International Islamic University Malaysia to the Organization of the Islamic Conference, provided such does not involve financial burden to the OIC;

2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of his resolution and present a report thereon to the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
RESOLUTION No. 3/38-ORG

ON

CANDIDACIES FOR POSITIONS
IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Thirty-Eight Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011),

Aware of the importance of representation of OIC States Members in various international positions;

Having considered the candidacies presented by Member States in this regard;

Decides to support the following candidacies,

1. Candidacy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on behalf of the Eastern European Group for the Presidency of the UN General Assembly for the year 2032, for which elections are to be held during the 87th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York in 2032.


3. Candidacy of the Kyrgyz Republic for a non-permanent seat on UN Security Council for the period 2012-2013 at the elections to be held during the 66th Session of the General Assembly in New York in 2011.

4. Re-nomination of Mr. Azzouz Kerdoun (Peoples’ Democratic Republic of Algeria) for the post an expert with the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social And Cultural Rights.


6. Candidacy of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Human Rights Council for the period 2013-2018, the elections of which are to be held in New York during May 2011.

7. Candidacy of Dr Abdullateef Jamal Rashed (Republic of Iraq) for the position of Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the period 2012 – 2015, at the elections to be held during the FAO conference in Rome from 25 October – 11 November 2011.

9. **Candidacy** of Dr. Riyadh Dawood (Syrian Arab Republic) for membership of the United Nations International Law Commission for the period 2012-2016, the elections to be held during the meetings of the United Nations General Assembly to be held in New York in 2011.

10. **Candidacy** of the State of Qatar to host the eighteenth meeting of States parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on climate change (COP 18) 2012.

11. **Candidacy** of Prof. Ahmad Larabeh (Peoples’ Democratic Republic of Algeria) for membership of the International Law Commission (CDI), during the elections to be held during the 66 session of the United Nations General Assembly in 2011.

12. **Candidacy** of the State of Kuwait for membership of the Human Rights Council (HRC) for the period 2013-2016.


14. **Nomination** of the Kingdom Saudi Arabia of the economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the period 2013-2015.

15. **Nomination** of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Human Rights Council (HRC) for the period 2013-2016.

16. **Nomination** of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for membership of the IAEA Board of Governors (IEAE) Group of the Middle East and South Asia (MESA) for the period 2011-2013.

17. **Candidacy** of Prof. Dr. Androbono Soesilo (Republic of Indonesia) as Director General of the food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), at the elections to be held during the FAO Conference in Rome from 25 June to 2 July 2011.


19. **Candidacy** Islamic Republic of Pakistan for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council for the period 2012-2013, in elections scheduled for October 2011.

20. **Candidacy** of Dr. Mua’th Mohamed Ahmed Tango (Sudan) for the membership of the United Nation's International Law Commission, the elections of which are to be held during the sixty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly in October 2011.

21. **Candidacy** of Dr. 'Abd al-Razeq Murtadah Suleiman Queder(Great Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) for the membership of the International Law Commission, at the elections to be held during the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations for the year 2011.
22. **Candidacy** of the Republic of Togo for a non-permanent seat at the United Nations Security Council for the period 2012-2013, of two non-permanent seats allocated to the continent of Africa, at the elections to be held in October 2011, during the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

23. **Candidacy** of Professor Mohammad Saeid Noori Naeini (Islamic Republic of Iran) for the position of Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the period 2012-2015, at the elections to be held during the FAO Conference in Rome from 25/10 to 11/11/2011.

24. **Candidacy** of the Kingdom of Morocco for a non-permanent seat at the United Nations Security Council for the period 2012-2013, of two non-permanent seats allocated to the continent of Africa, at the elections to be held in autumn 2011, during the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

25. **Candidacy** of the Kingdom of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for membership of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) for the Asian Group, for the period 2012 – 2015, at the elections to be held in December 2011.

26. **Candidacy** of the State of Qatar for membership of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee for the period 2012-2015, at the elections to be held in October 2011 on the sidelines of the meetings of the 36th Session of the UNESCO General Conference in Paris.

27. **Candidacy** of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh for a non-permanent seat at the United Nations Security Council for the period 2016-2017, of the non-permanent seats allocated to the Asian, at the elections to be held in New York in 2015, during the Seventieth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

28. **Candidacy** of Mrs. Nahla Haidar (Republic of Lebanon) for a seat at the Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), at the elections to be held in New York in June 2012.

29. **Candidacy** of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for membership of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), category (C) at the elections to be held during the 27th Session of the General Assembly which will take place in London on 19/10-2/11/2011.

30. **Candidacy** of the Arab Republic of Egypt for membership of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the period from 2011 to June 2014 for the Near east Group at the elections to be held in Rome within the activities of the 37th General Conference of the Organization which will take place on 25 June – 2 July 2015.

31. **Candidacy** of the Republic of Turkmenistan for membership of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the period 2013-2015.
32. **Re-nomination** of Professor Maurice Kamto (Republic of Cameroun) for membership of the United Nations International Law Commission, at the elections to be held during the 66th Session of UN General Assembly which will take place in October 2011.

33. **Re-nomination** of Mrs. Maryam Boussi (Burkina-Faso) for membership of the Committee on Migrant Workers at the elections to be held in December 2011.

34. **Re-nomination** of Judge Abdul Gadeer Koroma (Republic of Sierra Leone) for membership of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for the period 2012-2021 at the elections to be held during the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly which will take place in October/November 2011.

35. **Candidacy** of Burkina Faso for membership of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee at the elections to be held in October 2011 during the 36th Session of the UNESCO General Assembly in Paris.

36. **Nomination** of Mrs. Rachida Zadah (People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria) for membership of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee for the period 2011-2015, at the elections to be held during the 18th General Assembly of the Member States parties to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural and Natural World Heritage of 1972.

37. **Nomination** of Judge Dr. Julia Sebutinde (Republic of Uganda) for the position of Judge at the International Court of Justice at the elections to be held during the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly which will take place in November 2011.

38. **Candidacy** of the State of Kuwait for membership of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) at the elections to be held during the 67th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

39. **Candidacy** of the Republic of Tunisia for membership of the Executive Council of UNESCO for the period 2011 – 2015, at the elections to be held during the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly of UNESCO at Paris in October 2011.

40. **Candidacy** of the Republic of Egypt for membership of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the period 2011-2013 during the elections which is supposed to be held in Vienna in September 2011.

41. **Candidacy** of the Republic of Egypt for membership of the International Maritime Organization category C for the period 2011-2012 during the elections which is supposed to be held in New York in November 2011.

42. **Nomination** of Ambassador Dr. Hussein Hassoneh (Republic of Egypt) for membership of the International Law Commission for the period 2012-2016 during the elections which will be held in New York in November 2011.
43. Candidacy of H.E. Ewald Limon (The Republic of Suriname) for election to the International Law Commission (ILC) for the term 2012-2016 at the elections to be held during the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly which will take place in November 2011.

44. Re-election of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for membership of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the period 2012 – 2015, at the elections due to be held in Rome as part of the activities of the thirty-seventh General Conference of FAO between 25 June and 2 July 2011.

45. Candidacy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for membership of the Executive Council of UNESCO for the period 2011 – 2015, at the elections to be held during the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly of UNESCO in Paris in October 2011.

46. Re-nomination of Mr Mahmoud Al Hamoud (Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) for membership of the International Law Commission for the period 2012 – 2016, at the elections to be held in New York in November 2011.

47. Candidacy of the State of the United Arab Emirates for membership of the Human Rights Council for the period 2012 – 2015, at the elections to be held at the sixty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly in May 2012.


49. Candidacy of the State of the United Arab Emirates for membership of the Executive Council of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the period 2012 – 2015 at the elections to be held during the General Conference of UNESCO in September 2011.

50. Candidacy of the Republic of Indonesia for membership of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the period 2012 – 2015, at the elections due to be held in Rome as part of the activities of the thirty-seventh General Conference of FAO between 25 June and 2 July 2011.

51. Candidacy of the Republic of Indonesia for membership of the Executive Council of UNESCO for the period 2012 – 2015, at the elections to be held during the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly of UNESCO in Paris in October 2011.

52. Re-nomination of Mr Nogroho Wasnumari (Republic of Indonesia) for membership of the International Law Commission for the period 2012 – 2016, at the elections to be held during the sixty-sixth session of United nations General Assembly in New York in November 2011.
53. **Candidacy** of the Republic of Indonesia for membership of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the period 2012 – 2014, at the elections to be held during the sixty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York in 2011.

54. **Candidacy** of the Republic of Indonesia for membership of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Category C, at the elections to be held during the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly to be held in London from 21 – 30 November 2011.

55. **Candidacy** of the Republic of Indonesia for membership of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for the period 2013 – 2016, at the elections to be held during the thirty-eighth session of ICAO’s General Assembly in Montreal in September/October 2013.


57. **Candidacy** of the Republic of Mali for membership of the Executive Council of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the period 2011 – 2015 at the elections to be held during the General Conference of UNESCO in October 2011.

58. **Candidacy** of the Republic of Turkey for membership of the International maritime Organization (IMO) Category C, at the elections to be held during the twenty-seventh session of IMO General Assembly in London from 21 – 30 November 2011.


60. **Candidacy** of the Republic of Kazakhstan to host “EXPO – 2017” during the elections to be held in December 2012 at the meeting of the Bureau of International Exhibitions General Assembly in Paris, France.


63. **Candidacy** of Mr Kalenji Emmanuel (Republic of Cameroon) for the Legal and Technical Committee of the International Seabed Authority (ISA), at the elections to be held in July 2011, during the 17th session of the ISA in Kingston, Jamaica.
64. Candidacy of the Kingdom of Bahrain for membership of the International Office for Education of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), at the elections to be held at Paris in October 2011 during the 36th session of UNESCO’s General Conference.

65. Candidacy of Justice Jabirdao Gustave Kam (Burkina Faso) for the position of judge of the International Criminal Court (List A), at the elections to be held in New York from 12 – 20 December 2011, during the 10th session of General Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Convention.

66. Candidacy of Mr Joseph Kanjo Sachefe (Republic of Benin) for membership of the Consultative Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters (2013 – 2016), at the elections to be held in November 2012 during the 67th session of the United Nations General Assembly in 2012.


68. Candidacy of Colonel Rachid Sousi (Republic of Tunisia) for the position of Director of International Hydrographic Organization for the period 2012 to 2017 at the elections to be held during the 18th International Hydrographic Conference in Monaco from 23 to 27 April 2012.

69. Candidacy of Dr. Yacouba CISSE (Ivory Coast) for membership of the International Law Commission at the elections to be held during the 66th Session of the UN General Assembly.

70. Candidacy of Mr. Abdallah Ababna (Kingdom of Jordan) to the membership of the World Education Council, to be held in the light of the General Assembly of UNESCO in the month of October 2011.

71. Candidacy of M. Mohammed Motlaq al-Hadid (Kingdom of Jordan) to the membership of the Standing Committee of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent during the thirty-first session of the Movement, which is to be held during the month of November 2011.

72. Candidacy of Jordan to the Human Rights Council for the period 2013-2016 during the elections to be held in 2013.

73. Candidacy of Amb. Pedro Comissario Afonso (Republic of Mozambique) for the membership of the International Law Commission at the elections to be held during the 66th Session of the UN General Assembly.

RESOLUTION No. 4/38-ORG

ON

CHANGING THE NAME OF THE

ORGANISATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

The Thirty-eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432 A.H. (28-30 June 2011 A.D.),

Recalling article 11 of the Ten-year Programme of Action adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 5 and 6 Dhul Qaada 1426H (7 and 8 December 2005) on “Reform the OIC through restructuring and consider changing its name, review its Charter and activities…”

Considering that significant work embarked upon by the OIC in comprehensively amending its Charter resulted in preparing a new charter for the Organization,

Aware of the importance of changing the name of the Organization and choosing a new name that better reflects the functions and objectives of the Organization,

Recognizing the importance of preserving the acronym by which the Organization has been known throughout its long history (OIC),

Having considered the report of the Secretary General in this regard,

1. Decides to change the name of (The Organisation of the Islamic Conference) to (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation);

2. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to present a report thereon to the 39th session of the Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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RESOLUTION No. 5/38-ORG
ON
ADOPTING A NEW EMBLEM FOR THE
ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

The Thirty-eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432 A.H. (28-30 June 2011 A.D.),

Realizing the importance of reforming the Organization of the Islamic Conference and developing its working methods in line with the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005,

Recalling the deep reforms contained in the amended Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, which was adopted by consensus at the Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Dakar, Senegal in March 2008,

Considering the provision of operative paragraph 5 of Resolution 7/36-ORG on the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the OIC which was adopted by the thirty-sixth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic in May 2009 and states as follows: “Recognizes the merits of having a new Emblem for the OIC which would reflect the new vision and mission of the Organization incorporated in its new Charter and the Ten-Year Programme of Action for aptly responding to the renewed aspirations of its Member States and requests the OIC Secretary General to organize an international competition on the occasion of the 40th anniversary for selecting a new Emblem for the Organization.”

Thanking the Secretary General for the work he did towards the preparation of this new Emblem,

Commending the importance of the presentation made by H.E. the Secretary General concerning the steps taken to select the new emblem which reflects the unity of the Muslim world,

Having considered the Secretary General’s report in this regard,

1. Decides to change the old emblem of the Organization and to replace it with the new emblem in design No. (i) contained in the Secretary General’s Report;

2. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to present a report thereon to the 39th session of the Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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RESOLUTION No. 6/38-ORG

ON
OIC AFFILIATION REQUEST RECEIVED FROM THE
ASSOCIATION OF TAX AUTHORITIES IN ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (ATAIC)

The Thirty-eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432 A.H. (28-30 June 2011 A.D.),

Recognizing the important of tax and zakat administration in encouraging economic development,

Recalling the objectives and principles of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Ten-Year Programme of Action which call for the strengthening of economic and commercial cooperation among OIC Member States and economic integration among these states,

Aware of the importance of encouraging cooperation and mutual assistance among taxation authorities and of providing a platform for the exchange of experiences and best practices among Member States,

Having considered the report of the Secretary General contained in document no. (OIC/CFM-38/2011/ORG/SG.REP.6)

1. Decides to accept the request of the Association of Tax Authorities in Islamic Countries for the status of an affiliated institution of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, with its headquarters in the Republic of Sudan and providing that the establishment shall not entail any financial burdens on the OIC;

2. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to present a report thereon to the 39th session of the Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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RESOLUTION No. 7/38-ORG
ON
ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE OIC
INDEPENDENT PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Thirty-eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432 A.H. (28-30 June 2011 A.D.),

Recalling the Ten-Year Programme of Action,

Referring to articles (5) and (11) of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference,

Having considered the Statute of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission as adopted by Resolution No. 2/38-LEG,

1. Approves the outcome of the IPHRC experts election held during the present CFM session and appoints the following experts for a three-year term:
   - Mr. Wael ATTIYA (Republic of Egypt);
   - Mr. Mohammed RAISOUNI (Kingdom of Morocco);
   - Dr. Saleh Bin Mohamed AL-KHATLAN (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia);
   - Dr. Mamdouh AL-AKER (State of Palestine);
   - Amb. Elham Ibrahim Ahmed MOHAMED (Republic of the Sudan);
   - Mr. Adel Issa AL-MAHRY (United Arab Emirates);
   - Mr. Ousman Diao BALDE (Republic of Guinea);
   - Amb. Mohammed Kawu IBRAHIM (Federal Republic of Nigeria);
   - Mr. Med S.K. KAGGWA (Republic of Uganda);
   - Mr. Mohamed Lamine TIMBO (Republic of Sierra Leone);
   - Mr. Mahamat Al-Bashir IBRAHIM (Republic of Chad);
   - Dr. Oumar Abiu ABBA (Republic of Cameroun);
   - Mrs. Siti Ruhaini DZUHAYATIN (Republic of Indonesia);
   - Dr. Raihanah ABDULLAH (Malaysia);
   - Amb. Abdul WAHAB (Islamic Republic of Pakistan);
   - Dr. Zuhtu ARSLAN (Republic of Turkey);
   - Amb. Mostafa ALAEI (Islamic Republic of Iran);
   - Mrs. Asila WARDAK (Islamic Republic of Afghanistan).

2. Requests the Commission to finalize, as soon as possible, the Rules of Procedure for its work, in accordance with its Statute;

3. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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RESOLUTION No. 8/38-ORG
ON
CONVENING THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT BIENNially

The Thirty-eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432 A.H. (28-30 June 2011 A.D.),

Recalling article 6 of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference which provides that: “The Islamic Summit is composed of Kings and Heads of State and Government of Member States and is the supreme authority of the Organisation,”

Aware of the importance of the provision of article 7 of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference which states that: “The Islamic Summit shall deliberate, take policy decisions and provide guidance on all issues pertaining to the realization of the objectives as provided for in the Charter and consider other issues of concern to the Member States and the Ummah,”

Recalling article 8 of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference which provides that: “The Islamic Summit shall convene every three years in one of the Member States,”

Considering the rapid changes taking place around the world due to the effects of globalization and the emergence of new issues everyday thus constituting challenges to the continuous prosperity and development of the Ummah,

Recognizing the importance of accelerating the frequency of convening the meetings of the Islamic Summit biennially instead of every three years in order to increase the Organization’s capacity to respond to the challenges facing the Ummah regarding issues which emerge regularly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary General in this regard,

1. Recommends to the next Islamic Summit the convening of its session biennially instead of every three years, and to initiate a process of amendment to article 8 in accordance with article 36 of the Charter, following an intergovernmental work that can be carried out by the Senior Official Meeting preparatory to the Summit,

2. Recommends that the amendment shall not come into effect before the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit.

3. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to present a report thereon to the 39th session of the Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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RESOLUTION NO. 9/38-ORG
ON
REVISION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE MEETINGS OF
THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION

The Thirty-Eight Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace,
Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, from 24-26 Rajab

Emphasizing the need to conform the Rules of Procedure of the meetings of the
Organization of Islamic Cooperation adopted in the 13th Session of the Council of Foreign
Ministers held in Niamey in 1982 to the OIC amended Charter adopted at the 11th Islamic
Summit Conference held in Dakar in 2008;

Aware of the need to enhance the current mechanisms within the Organization of
Islamic Cooperation for the handling of documents and draft resolutions, organizing the
efficient conduct of different meetings, in line with the process of ongoing structural
reforms at the OIC, consistent with the Ten-Year Programme of Action;

Noting with appreciation the recommendations of the Report No. OIC/IGGE-
4/2009/REP.FINAL of the Meeting of the Fourth Inter-governmental Group of Experts on
the Review and Rationalization of OIC Agenda Items and Resolutions;

1. Requests the General Secretariat, taking into account the views of the Member
States, to develop a concept paper for the revision of the Rules of Procedure of the
OIC Meetings;

2. Requests the Secretary General to seek the views of Member States on the revision
of the Rules of Procedures and submit them to the Member States for their
consideration.

3. Decides to establish an open-ended inter-governmental group of experts whose
mission shall be the review of OIC Rules of Procedure.

4. Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution
and to report thereon to the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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