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RESOLUTION No. 1/34-MM
ON
SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS
OF MUSLIM COMMUNITIES AND MINORITIES
IN NON-OIC MEMBER STATES

The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan from , 28 – 30 Rabiul Thani 1428H (15-17 May, 2007);

Recalling Resolution No. 1/33-MM on Safeguarding the Rights of Muslim Communities and Minorities adopted by the Thirty-third Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (Session of Harmonization of Human Rights, Freedoms and Justice) held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, from 23 to 25 Jumada Awwal, 1427H (19-21 June 2006), and all the resolutions adopted by the Ministerial and Summit Conferences in this regard;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Muslim Communities and Minorities (Document No.ICFM/34-2007/MM/SG.REP.1-Rev.1);

1. **Calls** for the rights of Muslim communities and minorities in non-OIC Member States to be respected and **stresses** the need the Member States to cooperate and coordinate their action for the protection of their religious, cultural and civil rights.
2. **Calls** on the Member States and the specialist Islamic Organizations to extend further assistance and protection for the Muslim communities in Africa, particularly in the LDCs, such as to address the urgent difficulties that stand in the way of their development and progress.
3. **Calls on** the General Secretariat to keep up its contacts with the Muslim community in Africa in implementation of the Ministerial resolutions and to undertake field visits to Angola, South Africa, Namibia, Malawi, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya and Madagascar, as soon as possible, in order to identify about their difficulties and conditions, and to report thereon to the next Ministerial meeting.
4. **Expresses** its concern over the continued subjection of Muslims in Western countries to several and diverse of oppression and discrimination since the events of 11 September 2001.
5. **Calls on** the Member States and governmental and other organizations, to face up to the systematic media campaigns in the Western State aimed at tarnishing the authentic image of the glorious Islamic faith and its noble principles.
6. **Demands** those states that have taken arbitrary and indiscriminate measures against recognized Islamic charitable associations, under the pretext of combating terrorism, to revoke such measures so that the said associations may continue extending their services and to the millions of needy among Muslims worldwide.

7. **Calls on** the General Secretariat to continue organizing conferences and symposia in the countries with Muslim minorities with a view to identify their problems and issues and to strengthen their relations with the OIC Members
8. **Pays tribute** to the Secretary General's sustained efforts, contacts of and initiatives in favour of evolving appropriate solutions for the issue of Muslims in Southern Thailand and calls on him to keep coordinating with the Government of Thailand, and undertaking contacts towards achieving that goal within the framework of respect for the sovereignty of the Kingdom of Thailand.
9. **Pays tribute** to the positive steps undertaken by the Thai Prime Minister to reach a peaceful solution to the issue of Muslims in Southern Thailand and pays homage to him, in particular for the public apology he offered to Muslims for the wrongs committed by the past government against them in Southern Thailand, and expresses the hope that this would put an end to the acts of violence that cost the lives of many innocent victims.
10. **Invites** the Secretary General to continue his efforts against the violations and instances of discrimination and fanaticism faced by Muslim communities and minorities in non-OIC Member States, and to coordinate in this regard with the United Nations and United Nations human rights organizations. It also welcomes the adoption of a resolution at the Universal Human Rights Council which criminalizes abusive actions against religions, particularly Islam.
11. **Expresses** its concern in the face of the rising activity against Muslims in India, of the extremist Hindu which are trying to build a Hindu temple on the ruins of the historical Al Babri Mosque, and **urges** the Indian Government to see to the reconstruction of the Al Babri Mosque on its original site so as to avoid any renewal of violence.
12. **Expresses** its deep concern at the condition of the Muslim minority in India and urges the Government of India to take effective and immediate measures to end all violence and policies of discrimination against Muslims, and in this context, **urges** the Secretary General to report on the situation of the Muslim minority in India to the next ICFM.
13. **Invites** the General Secretariat to monitor the situation of Muslims in India and to collect further information on the challenges and difficulties they are facing, politically, socially and economically with a view to offer them the required assistance, and to report on the matter to the next ministerial conference.
14. **Requests** the Secretary General to make contact with the Government of China regarding the Chinese Muslims and to subsequently report on these consultations.
15. **Stresses** the need for the human rights of the Muslim community in Bulgaria to be respected and for the Islamic endowment properties there to be preserved, **and calls** on Muslims in Bulgaria to rally their efforts and strive together to enhance the position of their Grand Mufti's office in the service of the Muslims' interests there.

16. **Invites** the Member States and the General Secretariat to follow up the implementation of the resolutions issued by the Governmental Expert Group on the affairs of Muslim communities and minorities in Non-OIC Member States, and **prompts** the said Expert Group to keep up its regular action.

17. **Invites** the Member States to continue their support for the economic and social development drives and to encourage Islamic savings and investment institutions in the non-OIC countries of Muslim minorities, including the development of Islamic universities and institutions and the introduction of modern sciences in their educational curricula.

18. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Thirty-fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 2/34-MM
ON
QUESTION OF MUSLIMS IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan from , 28 – 30 Rabiul Thani 1428H (15-17 May, 2007);

Bearing in mind the resolutions of the OIC and the recommendations of the Ministerial Committee of Eight on the question of Muslims in Southern Philippines;

Recalling the Tripoli Agreement signed on 23 December 1976, between the Government of the Republic of Philippines (GRP) and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), which the signatory parties agreed to consider as the basis for a permanent, just and comprehensive political solution to the question of Muslims in Southern Philippines within the framework of the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of the Philippines;

Paying tribute to the role of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, under the wise leadership of H.E. Colonel Moamar Gaddafi, in achieving the Tripoli Agreement of 1976 and in hosting the first preliminary talks in Tripoli from 3 to 4 October 1992 and the Unity and Solidarity Meeting of the MNLF leaders on 6 April 2003;

Also paying tribute to the role of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia in facilitating the peace process culminating in the signing of the Final Peace Agreement on 2 September 1996, and **expressing satisfaction** for the efforts of the Ministerial Committee of Eight in this regard;

Recalling that, in accordance with the two Memoranda of Understanding by which the GRP and the MNLF concluded two rounds of preliminary talks, held successively in Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on 3-4 October 1992 and in Cipanas, Western Java, Republic of Indonesia on 14-16 April, 1993, the two parties agreed to conduct official peace negotiations for the full implementation of the letter and spirit of the 1976 Tripoli Agreement;

Recalling also the results of the four rounds of formal peace talks held in Jakarta, Indonesia, including the subsidiary mechanisms, between the GRP and the MNLF, through facilities made available by the OIC Committee of Eight;

Noting that the gains achieved through the Peace Agreement concluded between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the MNLF and the cooperation obtaining between them need to be generalized and maximized to achieve comprehensive peace and development for the benefit of the people of Bangsamoro.

Reaffirm Resolution No. 1/10-MM (IS) on Safeguarding the rights of Muslim Communities in Non-OIC Member States adopted by the Tenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Knowledge and Morality for the Progress of the Ummah), held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, from 20 – 21 Sha'aban 1424H (16 – 17 October, 2003) and Resolution No. 2/33-MM on the Question of Muslims in Southern Philippines adopted by the 33rd Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan on 19 – 21 June, 2006;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on the Question of Muslims in Southern Philippines (**Document No. ICFM/34-2007/MM/SG.REP.2-Rev.1**);

1. **Renews** its support for the Peace Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro National Liberation Front initialled on 30 August 1996 in Jakarta and officially signed on 2 September 1996 in Manila.
2. **Calls on** both the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro National Liberation Front to preserve the gains achieved since the signing of the Peace Agreement and **expresses** its concern over the stalled implementation of the commitments enshrined in the 1996 Agreement and the gap between the stands of the two concerned parties, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro National Liberation Front, on the results achieved as to the Agreement's implementation.
3. **Pays tribute** to the Secretary General for his efforts for the release of Prof. Nur Misuari, Chairman of the MNLF, after his four-year detention without trial and for his placement under house arrest instead, and commends President Gloria Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines for her positive response to these efforts, and appeals to the Philippine government to expedite the legal procedures against him and see to his early release to enable him participate in the tripartite meeting scheduled to take place in Jeddah and continue his constructive role in leading the Bangsamoro people and achieve its aspiration for security, stability and development.
4. **Expresses its regret** for the failure to convene the tripartite meeting scheduled originally for 2006 under Res 2/33-MM (para 5) and stresses the need to convene this meeting between the OIC, the Government of the Republic of Philippine (GRP), and the MNLF and the OIC General Secretariat in the second week of July 2007 to review progress in the implementation of the 1996 Peace Agreement and to assess the steps and obstacles such as to facilitate the full implementation of the Agreement with a particular focus on its second phase by virtue of the joint communiqué issued by the Government of the Philippines and the OIC General Secretariat's delegation on 9 March 2007 in Manila.

5. **Welcomes** the designation of Ambassador Sayed Kassem El-Masri as Special Envoy of the Secretary General to follow efforts for the establishment of peace in Southern Philippines in implementation of the operative para 10 of Res. 2/33-M
6. **Renews its call to** the Government of the Philippines to consider the recommendations contained in the two reports of the Parliament's Commission for Peace and Reconciliation, issued on 18 May and 19 September 2005, regarding the charges of human rights violations in Sulu against Armed Forces officers, including what was known as the massacre of 1 February 2005 (the murder of Imam Badiwan and his family) and to bring the perpetrators to justice.
7. **Expresses** its concern over reports of deteriorating situation in Southern Philippines particularly in Sulu, and calls for the intensification of efforts to address all the factors leading to escalation there and for the reestablishment of security and stability to facilitate the holding of the forthcoming tripartite meeting.
8. **Appeals** to the Philippine government to see to the early resolution of the environmental problems resulting from the failure on the part of the power and electricity plants in Lake Lanao and its surroundings, to observe environmental standards, to avoid the pollution of the water and the spread of disease among citizens there.
9. **Pays tribute** to the Secretary General for his efforts in favour of the settlement of the differences in the ranks of the MNLF for their reunification under the leadership of Prof. Nur Missuari, Chairman of the MNLF.
10. **Urges** the MNLF and the MILF and all the other national components to unify their ranks and rally their efforts and act jointly for the Bangsamoro people's peace and development, and **requests** the Secretary General to contribute further good offices for the achievement of rapprochement and coordination between them.
11. **Urges** the Member States, subsidiary organs, affiliated and specialized institutions as well as charitable Islamic organizations in the Member States to increase their medical, humanitarian, economic, financial and technical assistance for the development and rehabilitation of Southern Philippines through the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) in order to accelerate the completion of the social and economic development.
12. **Decides** to expand the membership of the Ministerial Committee of Eight so as to include the following:

- i) The Member States of the Committee of Eight, in addition to another four states, to be nominated to this Committee, with the Chairmanship revolving between the twelve members every two years.
 - ii) The Representative of the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference entrusted with the follow-up of the Question of Muslims in Southern Philippines.
13. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Thirty-fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION No. 3/34-MM
ON**

**THE SITUATION OF THE TURKISH MUSLIM MINORITY
OF WESTERN THRACE, GREECE**

The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan from , 28 – 30 Rabiul Thani 1428H (15-17 May, 2007);

Recalling Res. 3/33-M on the situation of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace, Greece, as adopted by the 33rd ICFM which was held in Baku on 19-21 June 2006;

Reaffirming its commitment to Muslim communities and minorities living in non-OIC Member States;

Realizing that the Muslims in Greece, in general, and the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace in particular are an integral part of the Muslim World;

Recalling the principles and objectives of the OIC Charter, the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences, Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers and international conventions, declarations and agreements calling for observance of human rights, namely political, social, cultural and economic rights and freedom of worship, and most particularly the Lausanne Treaty which guarantees the rights of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace such as to use of their Turkish language, to practice their religious rites and to elect freely their representatives in all fields;

Further recalling the UN General Assembly Declaration on Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief;

Realizing that the basic rights and freedoms of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace are defined and protected by multilateral and bilateral Treaties and Agreements to which Greece is a party;

Having considered the earlier reports of the Secretary General on the issue of the Turkish Muslim Minority of Western Thrace in Greece;

1. **Invites once again** Greece to take all measures to respect the rights and identity of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace emanating from the bilateral and international agreements.

2. **Demands** that Greece recognize the elected Muftis of Xanthi and Komotini as the official Muftis.
3. **Calls on** Greece to take necessary steps for the election of the administration boards of the Waqfs by the Turkish Muslim Minority with a view to ensure their self-governance, enable the elected Muftis to supervise the properties of the Waqfs and to put an end to the expropriation of the Waqfs' properties.
4. **Urges** Greece to reinstate the citizenship rights of tens of thousands of Turkish Minority members who were stripped of their citizenship under the now-repealed article of the Article 19 of the Greek Citizenship Law No.3370/1955.
5. **Regrets** the ban imposed by Greek Supreme Court on the activities of the Turkish Muslim Minority's oldest non-governmental organization, the "Turkish Union of Xanthi" on the grounds that its title bears the word "Turkish", and considers this as a discrimination on the basis of ethnic origin.
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to initiate an inquiry on the authenticity of the recurrent reports about the vandalization of mosques and Muslim cemeteries and present a report thereon to the Thirty-fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.
7. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the Thirty-fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 4/34-MM
ON
THE MUSLIM MINORITY IN MYANMAR

The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan from , 28 – 30 Rabiul Thani 1428H (15-17 May, 2007);

Reaffirming Resolution No. 4/33-MM adopted by the 31st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) and all the Islamic ministerial and summit resolutions;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the Muslim Minority in Myanmar (Document No. ICFM/34-2007/MM/SG.REP.4-Rev.1);

1. **Calls on** Member States to continue their efforts in conjunction with those of the international community and the United Nations in order to restore democracy in Myanmar, and to commit the Government of Myanmar to the return of all refugees displaced from their homes, particularly the Muslims of the Arakan region of Myanmar.
2. **Demands** the Government of Myanmar to put an end to its decades-long practice of dispersing, displacing, and exiling of the Muslims of Arakan and its continued attempts to eradicate their Islamic culture and identity, and **calls** on the Government authorities to observe the international and private judicial texts on human rights.
3. **Calls on** Muslim leaders and institutions and civil society organizations in the Union of Myanmar to concert their efforts and work in coordination and cooperation with opposition parties in order to achieve the aspirations of the people of Myanmar to freedom, justice, equality, and democracy.
4. **Invites** the Secretary-General to consider the possibility of dispatching a delegation to visit Myanmar on a fact finding mission to study the conditions of Muslims there and to report thereon to the next ICFM and also to consider in this connection sending an OIC delegation to Myanmar's neighbouring countries and to ASEAN Member States to undertake a field study of the conditions of Muslims in Myanmar and to evolve adequate modalities to improve these conditions.
5. **Requests** the General Secretariat to examine the application submitted by the Rohingya Solidarity Organization for an OIC observer status in support of their just cause which has for so many years, been the subject of interest for the OIC.
6. **Calls on** the Member States to continue their support and assistance in all forms to Muslims in Myanmar and to those among them living as refugees outside their homeland.
7. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the situation of the Muslim Minority in Myanmar and report thereon to the Thirty-fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.
