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**The Implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of  
Action in the Domain of Science and Technology**

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**Resolution NO.1/34-S&T  
on  
the OIC Prestigious Awards on Science and Technology**

**RECALLING** resolution No.13/3-P (IS) of the Third Islamic Summit Conference held at Makkah Al-Mukarramah/Taif, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 19-22 Rabi-ul-Awal, 1401H, corresponding to 25-28 January 1981, establishing a Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation and all subsequent resolutions of the Islamic Summit Conferences pertaining to COMSTECH;

**TAKING NOTE OF** Resolution No 2/4-ORG (IS) on Plan of Action for Science and Technology adopted at the Fourth Islamic Summit held in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco, in 1984;

**TAKING NOTE OF** Resolutions No.33/8-C (IS), and 48/9E(IS) on ratification of the Strategy for Developing Science and Technology in the Islamic Countries; and Resolution 8/30-ST on the implementation of this strategy;

**RECALLING** the First OIC Conference on Science and Technology, “Science and Technology for Industrial Development in Islamic Countries - Facing the Challenges of Globalization”, held on 7-10 October 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and its declaration and resolutions of the Conference, also referred to as Vision 1441 – a vision for the Muslim world to rededicate themselves to mastering S&T to face the challenges of the new global economy that was adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit Conference held in Putrajaya, Malaysia from 16-18 October 2003;

**FURTHER RECALLING** the resolution No.7/31-ST of the Thirty-First Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and resolution No.7/10-ST(ST) of the Tenth session of the Islamic Summit conference held in Putrajaya, Malaysia from 20 to 21 Shaaban 1424H (16 to 17 October 2003);

**TAKING NOTE** of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action to meet the challenges facing the Muslim Ummah in the Twenty-first Century adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah in December 2005;

**FURTHER TAKING NOTE** of several action items under the domain of Higher Education, Science and Technology of the OIC Ten-year Programme of Action

calling for assimilating highly-qualified Muslims within the Muslim World, and develop a comprehensive strategy to utilize their expertise and prevent brain migration phenomenon; and to create an OIC prestigious award for outstanding scientific achievement by Muslim scientists;

**CONSIDERING** the need to ensure an active coordination between the activities carried out by the OIC General Secretariat and its institutions with the OIC Member States in the field of Science and Technology in the best interest of the Joint Islamic Action;

**1. INVITES** the OIC Member States and the OIC organs and institutions to cooperate with the OIC General Secretariat to strengthen the science and technology activities of the Muslim World by:

**i.** organizing annual exposition of scientific and technological achievements and competitions among Ummah, at national, regional and Muslim World level, in the selected field of science and technology, the basis on which to confer the OIC Prestigious Award;

**ii.** organizing regular meetings of women to discuss their contributions in the field of science and technology;

**iii.** organizing regular meetings of Muslim expatriate scientists for their contributions to Joint Action of the Ummah;

**2. INVITES** the OIC General Secretariat, the IDB, the ISESCO, the ICCI and COMSTECH to draw criteria, procedures and mechanisms for the OIC Prestigious Award in the field of science and technology;

**3. URGES** the OIC Member States to take the necessary organizational measures to organize annual expositions on scientific and technological achievements, to hold annual competitions among Ummah, at the level of national, regional and Muslim World, in the selected field of science and technology on the basis of which the OIC Prestigious Award will be conferred; to hold regular meetings of women to discuss their contributions in the field of science and technology, and organizing regular meetings of Muslim expatriate scientists for them to contribute to Joint Action of the Ummah;

**4. RECOGNES** that the control regimes in the field of science and technology would increase the gap between developing and the developed countries and also recognizes that transfer of science and technology for peaceful purposes to the developing Islamic Countries would effectively promote North – South relations;

**5. APPRECIATES** the efforts of the ISESCO, the IDB, the ICCI and COMSTECH in offering regular awards to scientific institutions and prominent scientists in recognition of their contributions to progress of Muslim Ummah in the field of science and technology;

**6. APPRECIATES** the IDB for releasing a document on *Brain Drain in IDB Member Countries: Trends and Development Impact*, , the ISESCO for the adoption of a *Draft Action Plan on the Prevention of Migration of Scientific Competencies from the Countries of the Islamic World* by the Third Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research in 2006 and the 15<sup>th</sup> International science conference

organized by the IAS 2006 for considering the issue of “Brain Drain” in the Muslim World;

**7. HIGHLY APPRECIATES** the State of Qatar for organizing the Founding Conference of Arab Expatriate Scientists in Doha in April 2006 with the aim of setting up a basis for a research partnerships for the Arab expatriate to contribute to boost scientific research in the Arab World;

**8. REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 2/34-S&T  
on  
the investment of the OIC Member States in Science and Technology**

**TAKING NOTE** of the Resolution No.3/10-S & T (IS) on the Role of Science and Technology in the Socio-Economic Development of the OIC Member States in particular the Vision 1441 – a vision for the Muslim world to rededicate themselves to mastering S&T to face the challenges of the new global economy adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit Conference held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 16-18 October 2003;

**WHEREAS** the Vision 1441 on Science and Technology committed the OIC Member States to achieve investments in R & D of at least 1.4 % of their GDP;

**TAKING NOTE** of the Resolutions adopted by the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COMSTECH General Assembly held in February 2006 in Islamabad, Pakistan which urged all the OIC Member States to ensure that they raise their contributions to S & T to at least 1% of their respective GDP;

**TAKING NOTE** of the Resolutions adopted by the Third Islamic Conference of Ministers on Higher Education and Scientific Research held in Kuwait City, the State of Kuwait in November 2006 urging the OIC Member States to their renewed commitments to scientific and technological development, to accord it a top priority in the national development plans and to contribute at least 1% of their GDP to its promotion;

**REAFFIRM** the call made by the 15<sup>th</sup> IAS Conference for the commitments by the highest level to S & T for sizeable increase in R & D expenditure;

**RECALLING** the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action to meet the challenges facing the Muslim Ummah in the Twenty-first Century adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah-Al Mukarramah in December 2005 which called for the Islamic countries to encourage research and development programmes, taking into account that global percentage of this activity is 2% of the GDP, and requested the OIC Member States to ensure that their individual contribution is not inferior to half of this percentage;

**FURTHER TAKING NOTE** of the actions taken by several OIC Member States such as the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the State of Qatar to increase their investment in research and development;



1. **RECOMMENDS** the OIC Member States to take practical steps to ensure speedy transformation of their economies to knowledge-based economy, to promote integration of information and communication technologies in various fields, to bridge the digital divide and to better prepare themselves to meet international standards;
2. **APPRECIATES** the efforts of the ISESCO, the IAS and the COMSTECH in encouraging the OIC Member States to renew their commitments to scientific and technological development and to accord top priority in their national development plans, and called upon them to contribute at least 1% of their GDP to the promotion of science and technology;
3. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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**The Implementation of the OIC Ten-Year  
Programme of Action in the domain of Higher  
Education**

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**Resolution No. 3/34-S&T  
on the  
Selection of Universities in the Muslim World to be elevated to the  
Rank of Top 500 World Universities.**

**WHEREAS** there is increased awareness of the critical role played by higher education in socio-economic development, and in building a sustainable future for the next generations need to be equipped with new skills, knowledge and ideas;

**WHEREAS** in the OIC member countries, higher education is faced with great challenges related to financing, staff development, skills-based training, enhancement and preservation of quality in teaching, research and services, relevance of programme;

**WHEREAS** higher education is being confronted by new opportunities relating to technologies that are improving the ways in which knowledge is produced, managed, disseminated, assessed and controlled;

**WHEREAS** Vision 1441 on Science and Technology declares that the OIC member countries are committed to become communities that value knowledge and are competent in utilizing and advancing Science and Technology to enhance socio-economic well-being of the Ummah and targeted to achieve 1441 researchers, scientists and engineers per million of Muslim Ummah by year 1441 Hijri;

**TAKING NOTE** of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action to meet the challenges facing the Muslim Ummah in the Twenty-first Century adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah-Al Mukarramah in December 2005;

**TAKING NOTE** of an item of action in the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action under the domain of Higher Education, Science and Technology that calls for "effective improvement and reform of educational institutions and curricula in all levels, link postgraduate studies to the comprehensive development plans of the Islamic World. At the same time, priority should be given to science and technology and facilitating academic interaction and exchange of knowledge among the academic

institutions of Member States, and urge the Member States to strive for quality education that promotes creativity, innovation, and research and development”,

**RECALLING** the Framework for the Implementation of the OIC Ten-year Programme of Action as the result of a Coordination Meeting of the OIC organs on 5 March 2006 which resolved to strengthen selected universities in the field of science/engineering with the objective of elevating at least 20 Universities within the OIC Region so that they are ranked among the top 500 universities in the world ranking;

**NOTING WITH CONCERN** the fact that very few OIC universities are ranked among the Top 500 World Universities;

**BEING CONCERNED** at the lack of comprehensive, objective methodologies to evaluate the performance of universities in OIC member countries in term of quality of education and research outputs;

**RECALLING** that an informal open-ended Meeting of Ministers of Higher Education held in Kuwait City, the State of Kuwait on 20 November 2006 decided to establish a “core group” consisting of Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the ISESCO, COMSTECH, the IDB, SESRTCIC and the OIC General Secretariat to prepare background document on criteria, mechanisms and procedures of the selection of universities to be included in the rank of Top 500 World Universities;

**RECALLING FURTHER** the Memorandum of Agreement that was signed by the four OIC Islamic Universities, the Islamic University in Niger, the Islamic University in Uganda, the Islamic University of Technology, Dhaka, Bangladesh and the International Islamic University of Malaysia during the Third Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Kuwait City, the State of Kuwait on 19 – 21 November 2006 as one of the activities to effectively improve and reform the universities in the OIC countries;

1. **APPRECIATING** that in responding to the growing demands of the market-forces of the K-economy, a fresh look is needed to re-examine higher education systems in the OIC member countries;

2. **SUBSCRIBING** to the notion that quality in higher education is a multilayered process, which should embrace all its functions and activities including: teaching and academic programmes, research and scholarship, staffing, students, building and facilities, equipment, services to the community, and the academic milieu;

3. **AGREEING** to the general notion that international higher education surveys such as the Shanghai Jiao Tong University Survey, the Times Higher Education Supplement Survey may not reflect the true “assessment” of the university in the OIC member countries;

4. **EMPHASIZING** that to attain and sustain national, regional or international quality in higher education, certain components are particularly relevant, notably careful selection of staff and continuous staff development, in particular through the promotion of programmes for academic staff development, including mobility between

countries, between higher education institutions, and between higher education institutions and society/industry, as well as student mobility within and between countries;

**5. APPRECITES** the contributions of the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the technical workshop of experts to prepare the background document and Seminar for the OIC Member States to discuss and agree on the criteria, mechanism and procedures for selection of universities;

**6. COMMENDS** the work of “core group” to prepare background document as basis for the agreement by the OIC Member States on the criteria, procedure and mechanism of the universities;

**7. APPROVES** the criteria, procedures and mechanisms for selection of universities and request the OIC General Secretariat and the relevant OIC institutions to initiate the process of the selection of the universities;

**8. INVITES** the OIC General Secretariat in coordination with the relevant OIC institutions and the selected universities to prepare action plans to elevate the concerned universities to be included in the rank of Top 500 World Universities;

**9. INVITES** the Islamic Development Bank to continue its cooperation in the selection process and to assist the selected universities, on request through their respective government, to provide financial resources for implementations of the action plans;

**10. URGES** the concerned Member States to take the necessary organizational measures, within the framework of their national policies, to implement the action plans to elevate the selected universities to be included in the rank of Top 500 World Universities;

**11. REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take the necessary steps to implement these recommendations and present a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 4/34-S&T  
on the  
Memorandum of Agreement between the four OIC Universities**

**RECALLING** the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summits and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

**TAKING NOTE** of the resolution adopted by the Second Islamic Summit Conference convened in Lahore, Pakistan on 22 - 24 February 1974 calling for the setting up of two Islamic Universities in Republic of Niger and the Republic of Uganda respectively and the resolution adopted by the Third Islamic Summit, held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah/Taif on the commitment of the Islamic Conference Organization to carry out these two projects;

**TAKING NOTE** of the Final Communiqué issued by the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Republic of Niger on 22 - 26 August 1982 in welcoming the decision of the Government of Malaysia to establish an International Islamic University in Malaysia in line with its commitment to the objectives and principles of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Resolution No 14/4 – C (IS) of the Fourth Islamic Summit held in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco on 16 – 19 January 1984 expressing its appreciation of the dedicated and successful efforts of the Government of Malaysia in having established the said International Islamic University and commending the measures taken by the OIC General Secretariat and its signing of the agreement establishing the University with the Government of Malaysia;

**TAKING NOTE** of the Resolution No 11/4-C (IS) of the Fourth Islamic Summit held in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco on 16 – 19 January 1984 on the establishment of an Islamic University in Bangladesh and taking note of the great need to establish this University as a distinctive Institute of Islamic Studies and Learning, Research and other modern sciences, in this important region of the Islamic World and commended the great efforts made by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, as a first step, towards the establishment of this University;

**HAVING TAKEN NOTE** of the OIC Ten-year Programme of Action that called for effective improvement and reform of educational institutions and curricula at all levels, linking postgraduate studies to comprehensive development plans of the Islamic World and giving priority to science and technology, facilitating academic interaction and exchange of knowledge among academic institutions of Member States and to strive for quality education that promotes creativity, innovation, and research and development;

**HAVING TAKEN NOTE** of the OIC Ten-year Programme of Action that called for review of the performance of the OIC-affiliated universities so as to improve their effectiveness and efficiency, and the call for participation in the two Waqfs (Endowment) dedicated to the two universities in Niger and Uganda, and the provision of support to the International Islamic University in Malaysia;

**EXPRESSING** thanks to the Government of Bangladesh for hosting the Islamic University of Technology (IUT); the Government of Niger for hosting the Islamic University of Niger (IUN); the Government of Uganda for hosting the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) and the Government of Malaysia for hosting the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM);

**EXPRESSING** thanks to Member States and concerned organs and institutions, in particular the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, State of Kuwait, the ISF, the IDB, the International Islamic Charitable Organization, World Da'wa Society, the ISESCO, the Iqra Charitable Organization, the Sheikh Zayed Institution for Humanitarian and Charitable Works, the World Forum of Islamic Youth, Bait Al Zakat of Kuwait, and all those who extended support and assistance to the Islamic Universities;

**WELCOMES** the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Islamic University of Technology (IUT), Dhaka, Bangladesh; the Islamic University of Niger (IUN); the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) and the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) in Kuwait City, the State Kuwait on 20 November 2006;

**FURTHER WELCOMES** the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the establishment of the International Islamic University of Malaysia;

1. **URGES** the universities to collaborate and cooperate with one another and to fully implement the Memorandum of Agreement signed on 20 November 2006 in Kuwait City, State of Kuwait for improvement and reform of the universities;
2. **URGES** the universities to prepare a plan of action to effectively improve and reform educational institutions and curricula at all levels, link postgraduate studies to comprehensive development plans of the Islamic World and giving priority to science and technology, facilitating academic interaction and exchange of knowledge among

academic institutions of Member States and to strive for quality education that promotes creativity, innovation, and research and development;

3. **URGES** the universities to review their performances so as to improve their effectiveness and efficiency and to intensify their endeavour to offer courses in the fields of emerging and frontier technologies to equip the youth of the Ummah to face the challenges of the globalization and digital divide matching of the Member States and;

4. **APPEALS** to all the OIC Member States, and the Islamic Philanthropic organizations to extend financial and material support to this important Islamic Institutions, to contribute to the two Waqfs established to support the universities in Niger and Uganda;

5. **APPEALS** to the Islamic Development Bank to provide the necessary financial support and to provide sufficient scholarships to the needy students and to improve and enhance capacity of the technical and academic staff of the Universities;

6. **REQUESTS** the Member States to utilize the services of the universities by nominating students to the universities for long regular courses and sending more in-service personal to participate in the short & special courses, seminars, workshops, etc. to upgrade and update their knowledge and skill;

7. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take the necessary steps to implement these recommendations and present a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 5/34-S&T  
on the  
Activities of the Islamic University of Technology (IUT), Dhaka, Bangladesh**

**RECALLING** the recommendations of the Thirty-second Meeting of the Governing Board of the University held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 18-20 September 2006;

**RECALLING** the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Islamic University of Technology (IUT), Dhaka, Bangladesh; the Islamic University of Niger (IUN); the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) and the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) in Kuwait City, the State Kuwait in November 2006;

**HAVING TAKEN NOTE** of the activity report submitted by the Vice-Chancellor of the Islamic University of Technology (IUT);

1. **EXPRESS** deep gratitude to H.E. Begum Khaleda Zia, Honourable Prime Minister, the Government of Bangladesh for kindly attending the 20th Convocation of IUT, inaugurating the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the governing board and took note of the patronage advice and support of Bangladesh enabling the University to help develop the human resources of the Member States;
2. **URGES** the University for continuing and enhancing its efforts through offering education and training of international standard and a catalytic role in the development of human resources for the Member States;
3. **URGES** the University in collaboration and cooperation with the other three OIC universities to fully implement the Memorandum of Agreement for further improvement and reform the education quality;
4. **URGES** the University to intensify its endeavour to offer courses in the fields of emerging and frontier technologies to equip the youth of the Ummah to face the challenges of the globalization and digital divide matching that of the Member States;
5. **APPRECIATES** the role of IUT in the fields of Engineering, Technology and Technical Education;
6. **APPRECIATES** the IDB for its decision to provide scholarships to the Muslim minority students to study in the Islamic University of Technology.

7. **REQUESTS** the Member States to utilize the services of the University by nominating students to the University for long regular courses and sending more in-service personal to participate in the short & special courses, seminars, workshops, etc. to upgrade and update their knowledge and skill;
8. **DECIDES** to assign a special committee to review and assess the performances of the IUT to be reviewed and appraised in terms of its strengths, weaknesses and potential for further improvements;
9. **CALLS** on the Member States, which have not done so thus far, to settle their regular mandatory contributions and arrears to the budget of the IUT;
10. **APPEALS** to the affluent Member States to make voluntary contributions to help further deepen and widen activities of the University so as to achieve further heights of success in the days ahead and serve the Ummah better;
11. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take the necessary steps to implement these recommendations and present a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 6/34-S&T  
on  
Higher Education and ways and means to address the issues related to Higher  
Education and Scientific Research**

**TAKING NOTE** of the Resolutions No.33/8-C (IS), and 48/9E(IS) on ratification of the Strategy for Developing Science and Technology in the Islamic Countries; and Resolution 8/30-ST on the implementation of this strategy;

**TAKING NOTE** of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action to meet the challenges facing the Muslim Ummah in the Twenty-first Century adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah in December 2005;

**RECALLING** the final communiqué of the Third Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research held in Kuwait City, the State of Kuwait on 19 – 21 November 2006;

- 1. EXTENDS** sincere gratitude and appreciation to the State of Kuwait for hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Kuwait City, 19-21 November 2006;
- 2. WELCOMES** the adoption of the final communiqué by the Third Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research;
- 3. URGES** the OIC Member States to take the necessary organizational measures regarding implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Conference;
- 4. CALLS** upon the ISESCO in cooperation with the OIC General Secretariat to organize the Fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers on Higher Education and Scientific Research;
- 5. WELCOMES** the kind offer of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan to host the Fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers on Higher Education and Scientific Research in Baku in September 2008;
- 6. REQUEST** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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## **The Vision 1441 on Science and Technology**

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**Resolution NO. 7/34-S&T  
on the  
Implementation of the Early Harvest Programme**

**RECALLING** the resolutions No.3/31-S&T, 1/32-S&T and 1/33-S&T of the Thirty-First, Thirty-Second and the Thirty-Third of the Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers held in Turkey, Yemen and Azerbaijan in 2004, 2005 and 2006 respectively;

**RECALLING** the First OIC Conference on Science and Technology, “Science and Technology for Industrial Development in Islamic Countries - Facing the Challenges of Globalization”, held on 7-10 October 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and its declaration and resolutions of the Conference, also referred to as Vision 1441 – a vision for the Muslim world to rededicate themselves to mastering S&T to face the challenges of the new global economy that was adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit Conference held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 16-18 October 2003;

**WELCOMING** the adoption of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action to meet the challenges facing the Muslim Ummah in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century;

**WELCOMING** efforts made by the OIC General Secretariat to establish an OIC Task Force for Vision 1441 as an initiative to implement the recommendation of Vision 1441;

**RECOGNIZING** the role of Science and Technology for the advancement of the Ummah and the need to bridge the gap within OIC Member States and between Muslim and industrialized countries;

**TAKING NOTE** that the OIC Task Force for Vision 1441 are members from relevant OIC Institutions and have met three times;

**WELCOMING** the decision of the Third Meeting of the Task Force for the Vision 1441 on Science and Technology to initiate Early Harvest Programme;

**APPRECIATING** the initiative taken by the President of IDB in consultation with the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia, the Coordinator General of COMSTECH and the Secretary General of the OIC to call for an establishment of a Consultative Group to implement the Early Harvest Programme;

**WELCOMING** the endorsement by the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COMSTech Executive Committee on the proposed projects under the Early Harvest Programme;

**1. CALLS UPON** the OIC Member States and all the OIC Institutions to give full support for the implementation of the three projects under the First Phase of the Early Harvest Programme:

- i.** Hajj Mobilization. The project is being lead by Malaysia with participation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The ICCI has pledged to support the project team to make it match with private sectors;
- ii.** Non-destructive Testing (Competency Services). The project is being lead by Malaysia with participation of Sudan. The Republic of Yemen and the Sultanate of Oman expressed interest to join and participate in the project;
- iii.** BioGeneric (including the production of interferon). The project is being lead by Pakistan with participation of Egypt, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and the Islamic Republic of Iran;

**2. CALLS UPON** the Member States to submit further projects that would render results by the mid 2008;

**3. INVITES** the IDB to consider providing the necessary financial resources, on request by the project owner through its government, to fully implement the identified activities in order to achieve the designated project milestones;

**4. INVITES** also other OIC institutions to assist and support the implementation of the three projects;

**5. REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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**The Activities of the Standing Committee on Scientific  
and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH).**

**RESOLUTION  
ON  
HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH AND  
ENVIRONMENT**

*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).*

**Resolution No. 8/34-S&T  
on the  
25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Standing Committee on Scientific  
and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH)**

**RECALLING** resolution No.13/3-P (IS) of the Third Islamic Summit Conference held at Makkah Al-Mukarramah/Taif, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 19-22 Rabi-ul-Awal, 1401H, corresponding to 25-28 January 1981, establishing a Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation and all subsequent resolutions of the Islamic Summit Conferences pertaining to COMSTECH;

**FURTHER RECALLING** the resolution No.7/31-ST of the Thirty-First Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and resolution No.7/10-ST(IS) of the Tenth session of the Islamic Summit conference held in Putrajaya, Malaysia from 20 to 21 Shaaban 1424H (16 to 17 October 2003);

**FURTHER RECALLING** the decision of the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee of COMSTECH held in Muscat, the Sultanate of Oman on 7 – 8 January 2007 for enhancing and strengthening the implementation of activities in Science and Technology;

**HAVING CONSIDERED** the report of the Secretary General on the subject that the creation of a specialized organ for the COMSTECH Secretariat is legally viable and acceptable;

- 1. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the ongoing programmes and activities of the COMSTECH for increasing the capability of OIC Member States in the fields of Science and Technology;
- 2. ENCOURAGES** and supports the cooperation between the COMSTECH and the Islamic Development Bank for the promotion of Science and Technology in Member State;
- 3. DECIDES** to support the strengthening of COMSTECH Secretariat to implement the decisions and resolutions made by the Islamic Summits of Kings/Heads of State, Islamic Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Islamic Conferences of Ministers of Science, Technology and Higher Education on matters related to Science and Technology and decisions and recommendations made by the COMSTECH;



4. **DECIDES** that the COMSTECH Secretariat shall be transformed into a specialized organ provided that:
- a) Membership in this organ will be voluntary.
  - b) Countries that members of the said specialized organ shall determine their programs, activities and budget according to the general OIC formula.
  - c) There will be no overlap between the activities of COMSTECH and those of ISESCO in the fields of Science and Technology and the role of ISESCO in the said fields and that there will be coordination and cooperation with other relevant institutions of the OIC.
5. **APPEALS** to Member States of COMSTECH Secretariat and institutions concerned to provide financial support for COMSTECH's programmes and activities by prompt and committed generous voluntary contributions;
6. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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## **The Health Issues**

**RESOLUTION  
ON  
HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH AND  
ENVIRONMENT**

*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).*

**Resolution No. 9/34-S&T  
on the  
Global Cooperation in the Programme for Eradication of Polio in OIC Member  
States.**

**RECALING** the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summits and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

**RECALLING** the provision of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Summit Conference held in Makkha-al-Murramah that mandated the Islamic Development Bank to coordinate with the OIC General Secretariat in order to make the necessary contacts with the World Health Organization and the other relevant institutions to draw up a programme for combating diseases and epidemics, to be financed through the special fund that will be created within the IDB;

**RECALLING** the provision of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action calling for effective measures in order to eradicate poliomyelitis and protect the children;

**RECALLING** further the IDB Vision 1440 on A Vision for Human Dignity and the Key Strategy Thrust Three on Promotion of Health;

**WELCOMING** the decision of the Governing Board of the IDB to establish Poverty Alleviation Funds;

**WELCOMING** the results of the OIC-UN Coordination Meeting held in the ISESCO Headquarters, Rabat, the Kingdom of Morocco on 11 – 13 July 2006, the coordination meeting in pursuant to the UN General Assembly resolutions 50/17 of 28 November 1995 and 59/8 of 16 January 2003;

**APPRECIATING and WELCOMING** the efforts made by Shaykh Hassan CISES, the Grand Imam of Kaolack, Senegal, and the President of the Network of African Islamic Organizations on Population and Development for their vigorous efforts and contributions to eradicate poliomyelitis from the African communities, especially the Muslim communities;

**1. STRONGLY AFFIRMS** its commitment to the eradication of polio from all OIC Member States so that they can contribute effectively to the goal of Global Polio Eradication;

2. **COMMENDS** the Secretary General for his contacts with WHO and Member States for the eradication of polio in the Member States and the mobilization of financial assistance for the programme of the world initiative to eradicate polio, such as to have engendered progress in the eradication of polio in the Islamic States;
3. **CALLS** on the President of the IDB to address the most severe and debilitating threat to health in Muslim World and **FURTHER CALLS** upon the IDB to join forces with the other organizations campaigning for the lifting of patent restrictions that prevent the manufacturing of cheaper drugs and vaccines that can help avert health catastrophes;
4. **TAKES NOTE** with satisfaction the meaningful progress made to lower the number of polio cases in 2005;
5. **URGES** all Member States to implement the resolutions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Summit held in Makkah-Al-Mukarramah, concerning the adoption of effective measures to eradicate polio;
6. **URGES** all polio-affected OIC Member States to ensure that every child under age five is vaccinated during the national campaigns, and all polio-free OIC Member States maintain high levels of routine anti-polio vaccination coverage;
7. **URGENTLY CALLS** on the international community, OIC Member States, Islamic philanthropic organizations, the Islamic Development Bank, and the international community to provide multi-year pledges of additional financial resources to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to combat polio in the OIC countries in 2006 and in 2007;
8. **CALLS** on religious and traditional leaders in the concerned OIC Member States to support polio eradication campaigns using oral polio vaccination and strongly encourage parents to ensure that their children are vaccinated against polio;
9. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION  
ON  
HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH AND  
ENVIRONMENT**

*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).*

**Resolution No. 10/34-S&T  
on the  
Cooperation among Member States in Controlling Epidemic Diseases Affecting Man,  
Fauna and Flora.**

**RECALLING** the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summits and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

**RECALLING** the provision of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Summit Conference held in Makkh-al-Mukarramah that mandated the Islamic Development Bank to coordinate with the OIC General Secretariat in order to make the necessary contacts with the World Health Organization and the other relevant institutions to draw up a programme for combating diseases and epidemics, to be financed through the special fund that will be created within the IDB;

**WELCOMING** the IDB Vision 1440 on a Vision for Human Dignity and the Key Strategy Thrust Three on Promotion of Health;

**WELCOMING** the decision of the IDB Board of Governors to establish Poverty Alleviation Funds;

**WELCOMING** the results of the OIC-UN Coordination Meeting held in the ISESCO Headquarters, Rabat, the Kingdom of Morocco on 11 – 13 July 2006, the coordination meeting in pursuant to the UN General Assembly resolutions 50/17 of 28 November 1995 and 59/8 of 16 January 2003;

**1. CALLS** for greater coordination and cooperation among Member States in the area of health through the enforcement of international health regulations, such as vaccination of pilgrims going to the Holy Land, improvement of health conditions in addition to cooperation on health sensitization before pilgrim's departure through the media in their countries;

**2. CALLS ALSO** on Member States to collectively organize the fight against the spread of Avian influenza, the AIDs pandemic and to seriously uphold medical research efforts in this field at national, regional, and international level, and to renew its invitation to the Secretary-General of the OIC and the Director-General of the ISESCO to constitute an Inter-governmental Experts Group composed of medical and pharmaceutical specialists of Member States to meet and prepare a working programme to fight this disease in the Member States;

3. **CALLS** on the OIC General Secretariat and the IDB to work closely with the WHO to develop a plan for combating diseases and epidemics and to implement fully the agreements of the OIC-UN Coordination Meeting;
4. **INVITES** Member States to consider sickle cell disease as a major problem of public health and to provide serious support to medical research efforts in this regard;
5. **DECIDES** to the said Conference also to cover the establishment of inter-Islamic cooperation in the field of health in general, including pharmaceutical;
6. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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ON  
HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH AND  
ENVIRONMENT**

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**Resolution No. 11/34-S&T  
on  
the Islamic Conferences of Ministers of Health.**

**RECALING** the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summits and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

**RECALLING** the UN General Assembly resolutions 50/17 of 28 November 1995 and 59/8 of 16 January 2003 on the OIC-UN Coordination Meeting;

**RECALLING** the provision of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Summit Conference held in Makkah-al-Murramah that mandated the Islamic Development Bank to coordinate with the OIC General Secretariat in order to make the necessary contacts with the World Health Organization and the other relevant institutions to draw up a programme for combating diseases and epidemics, to be financed through the special fund that will be created within the IDB;

**RECALLING** further the provision of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action calling for effective measures in order to eradicate poliomyelitis and protect the children;

**WELCOMING** the decision of the Governing Board of the IDB to establish Poverty Alleviation Funds;

**WELCOMING** the results of the OIC-UN Coordination Meeting held in the ISESCO Headquarters, Rabat, the Kingdom of Morocco on 11 – 13 July 2006;

1. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to identify ways and means to ensure effective cooperation between the OIC, the ISESCO, the IDB and WHO and call for active participation of the Organization in WHO's meetings and Conferences;
2. **REQUESTS** the OIC Member States to coordinate their health policies and stands in international forums so that they may not adversely affect their socio-economic development, according to the stipulations of the Ten-Year Programme issued by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah;
3. **WELCOMES** the kind offer of the Governments of Malaysia and the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the First and Second Islamic Conference of Ministers of Health

in Kuala Lumpur on 12-15 June 2007, and in Tehran in 2008 and invites all OIC Member States to participate in the meetings;

**4. REQUEST** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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## **The Environmental issues**

**RESOLUTION  
ON  
HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH AND  
ENVIRONMENT**

*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).*

**Resolution No. 12/34-S&T  
on  
Environmental issues from an Islamic Perspective**

**GUIDED** by the teachings of Islam which enjoin the Muslim peoples to safeguard the bounties that Allah has granted them on Earth;

**REFERRING** to Agenda 21, World Summit on Sustainable Development, and the International Convention to Combat Desertification and drought;

**DEEPLY CONCERNED** at the continuing deterioration of the global environment, including the worsening trends in environmental pollution and the degradation of natural resources;

**STRESSING** again the right of all human beings to enjoy a healthy and non-polluted environment, as a basic human right;

**EMPHASIZING** the right of States to protect their environment from harmful activities, and to cooperate among them to that end;

**NOTING WITH SATISFACTION** the development towards the finalization of the International Convention to Combat desertification and drought, and inviting the Member States, which have not ratified all the relevant conventions, including the International Convention on Combating Desertification, to do so, as soon as possible;

**STRONGLY CONDEMNING** the attempts by some developed countries to export their hazardous and radioactive wastes for dumping in developing countries, and appealing to Member States to sign the Basel Convention on Dangerous wastes;

**EMPHASIZING** the commitments of developed countries in transferring environmentally sound technologies, know-how and financing to developing countries in accordance with the provisions of chapter 34 of Agenda 21;

**RECALLING ALSO** the UNEP GC decision (UNEP/GC.22/L.4) on environmental situation in occupied Palestine and Arab territories, and expressing deep concern over the continued degradation of the environmental conditions in the occupied Palestine;

**TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION** the decisions of the World Summit on Sustainable Development as well as principles of the UN Millennium Declaration regarding solutions to environmental problems;

**EXPRESSING** its concern for the deterioration of the world environment including increasing environmental pollution and the depletion of natural resources;

**REAFFIRMING** the right of every individual to enjoy a healthy unpolluted environment;

**REFERRING** to the 1992 Agreement on Climatic Change adopted in New York and the 1998 Kyoto Protocol adopted in Japan;

1. **ENCOURAGES** the OIC Member States to continue to incorporate environmental considerations in their developmental policies and to mobilize available financial and institutional resources needed for implementation of policies and to mobilize available financial and institutional resources needed for implementing national programs of environmental protection;

2. **URGES** the OIC Member States to cooperate and coordinate within the existing Desertification Regional Centers;

3. **ALSO URGES** the OIC Member States which have not yet ratified all the UN International Agreements on the Environment including the International Convention on Desertification and Drought to do so as soon as possible so that the Convention can come into force,

4. **INVITES** the OIC Member States to exchange information and experience in various environmental fields such as desertification, climate change and loss of biological diversity;

5. **CALLS** on the international community, particularly relevant United Nations Organs, to concentrate attention on the rise in sea levels, and its socio-economic impacts,

6. **REAFFIRMS** the determination of the OIC Member States to work for the strengthening of international cooperation in seeking solutions to global environmental problems and requests the donor countries and international financial institutions to extend further support to regional networks and national focal points in States stricken by desertification;

7. **REQUESTS** the OIC Member States to promote coordination and cooperation among environment monitoring networks and remote-control sensing Centers and coastal control posts and all other environment protection organs in Islamic States.

8. **URGES** all the OIC Member States to continue consultation and coordination among them at all international meetings including consultations relating to environment protection, especially in the field of biological diversity, climate change, desertification, hazardous and radioactive waste;

9. **EMPHASIZES** the importance of effective participation of Islamic States in conferences and meetings related to the convention on Climate Change with delegations comprising specialists in all areas relevant to such conferences;

**10. EMPHASIZES** that the Conference of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol should monitor the implementation by the industrial countries of these measures through an annual review of their national reports, which must cover progress made on the application of the above-mentioned points as per Article 7 of the Kyoto Protocol on reports and Article 8 on Report Reviews;

**11. REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No. 13/34-S&T  
on  
the Islamic Conferences of the Ministers of Environment**

**RECALLING** the Resolutions of the First Islamic Conference of the Ministers of the Environment held in Jeddah, the Kingdom of the Saudi Arabia on 10 – 12 June 2002;

**RECALLING** the Resolutions No 11/9-E, issues by the 9<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference on Environment from an Islamic Perspective, whereby the ISESCO was mandated, in coordination with the UNEP and all the relevant international and regional organizations, to prepare an action programme representing the Islamic perception of the environment and development, to be presented in the World Summit for Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in 2002;

**RECALLING** the Resolution No. 11/10-S & T (IS) on the Environment from an Islamic Perspective adopted by the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference held in Putrajaya, Malaysia in 2003 which expresses its profound gratitude and appreciation to ISESCO for successfully preparing an integrative work programme and an Islamic Declaration on sustainable Development in South Africa in 2002 as working document representing the Arab-Islamic perspective on the environment and development, within the framework of Jeddah and Abu Dhabi Declarations on the environment and the Islamic Declaration on Sustainable Development, and commends its coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, the League of Arab States, the UNEP Regional Bureau in Bahrain and the Department of Meteorology and Protection of the Environment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia towards the preparation of this programme;

**RECALLING** the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action to meet the challenges facing the Muslim Ummah in the Twenty-first Century adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah-Al Mukarramah in December 2005 calling upon the OIC Member States to coordinate their environmental policies and positions in international environment fora so as to prevent any adverse effects of such policies on their economic development;

**TAKING NOTE** that the Second Islamic Conference of Ministers of Environment was held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 13 – 15 December 2006;

**FURTHER TAKING NOTE** of the reports prepared by the SESRTCIC on the Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol - Implications for the OIC Member Countries; the Environment Sustainability in the OIC Member Countries; and the Environment

Performance of the OIC Member Countries presented for consideration by the Second Islamic Conference of Ministers of Environment;

1. **APPRECIATES** the efforts of the ISESCO to successfully organized the Second Islamic Conference of Ministers of Environment;
2. **EXTENDS** sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the Second Islamic Conference of Ministers of Environment in Jeddah on 13 – 15 December 2006;
3. **RECOMMENDS** the OIC Member States to take practical steps to implement all actions contained in the Jeddah Commitments for Sustainable Development adopted by the Second Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Environment held in Jeddah on 13-15 December 2006;
4. **WELCOMES** the kind offer of the ISESCO to host the Third Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Environment at its Permanent Headquarters in Rabat, the Kingdom of Morocco in June 2008 and mandates the ISESCO with the cooperation of the OIC General Secretariat and the General Presidency of Meteorology and Environment Protection of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to organize the Conference;
5. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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ON  
HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH AND  
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**Resolution No. 14/34-S&T  
on the  
International Cooperation in the area of Environment**

**RECALLING** the Resolutions No 1/18 – E (B) of the 18<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers which, inter-alia, calls upon, among others, Member States to cooperate in the field of protecting the environment, to give consideration to the possibility of becoming parties to relevant existing international agreements, and to render support to the efforts of international organizations concerned with the environment;

**RECALLING** the Resolution No. 4/31-S&T of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers which emphasizes the commitments of developed countries in transferring environmentally sound technologies and know-how to developing countries in accordance with the provision of Chapter 34 of Agenda 21;

**RECALLING**, inter-alia, the resolution on cooperation between the United Nations and the OIC adopted by the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on November 14, 1980;

**TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION** decisions of the World Summit on Sustainable Development as well as principles of the UN Millennium declaration regarding solutions to environmental problems;

**RECOGNIZING** that protection of the environment in developing countries and in OIC regions can be accelerated and enhanced, among other means, through international cooperation;

**APPRECIATING** that it would be of mutual interest and benefit to the OIC and other international organizations to harmonize their efforts to assist the Member States of the OIC in their efforts to attain sustained economic and social development based on rational use of renewable and non-renewable natural resources;

**RECALLING** the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah - Al Mukarramah in December 2005 calling upon the OIC Member States to coordinate their environmental policies and positions in international environment for a so as to prevent any adverse effects of such policies on their economic development;

**APPRECIATING** the action taken by the Secretary General to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the OIC and the United Nation University (UNU) with the aim to strengthen their cooperation in promoting science and technology for sustainable development and in attaining the Millennium Development Goals;

**EXTENDING** sincere gratitude and appreciation to all OIC Member States for supporting and endorsing the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the OIC and the United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP);

1. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the OIC and the United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP);
2. **RECOMMENDS** the OIC Member States to cooperate with the OIC General Secretariat to take practical steps to implement the Memorandum of Understanding between the OIC and the United Nation University (UNU) in promoting science and technology for sustainable development in developing countries, in particular, in attaining the Millennium Development Goals;
3. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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