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The Ninth Session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Ministerial Conference on Women (Under the Theme: *Socio- Economic and Political Empowerment of Women in the OIC Countries: Challenges and Way Forward*) held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan on 12-13 July 2026 (corresponding to **27-28 Muharram 1448 AH**);

- **Recalling** the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which urges Member States to cooperate in creating suitable conditions for Women in Muslim world;
- **Recalling** the Resolutions and Final Communiqués of various sessions of the Islamic Summit Conference, particularly the 15th Islamic Summit held in Banjul, Republic of the Gambia, and the Council of Foreign Ministers particularly its 51st Session held on 21-22 June 2025 in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye which called on promoting women’s status and empowerment in the OIC Member States;
- **Recalling** the Decisions, recommendations and Resolutions adopted by the OIC **Sectoral** Ministerial Conferences on Women, particularly its 8th Session held on 6-8 June 2021 in Cairo, the Arab Republic of Egypt;
- **Recalling further** the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW), adopted by the 2nd session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women, held on 5 - 7 October 2008 in Cairo, the Arab Republic of Egypt;
- **Recognizing** that the socio-economic and political empowerment of women is essential for inclusive and sustainable development, social justice, poverty eradication, peaceful and resilient societies and the collective progress of the Ummah;
- **Noting** that women constitute nearly half of the population of the OIC Member States, yet their full contribution to socio-economic development continues to be constrained by unequal access to education, employment, financial resources, technology, leadership opportunities, social protection and justice;
- **Emphasizing** that enhancing women’s political, full equal, and meaningful participation of women in the workforce, including in leadership and decision-making positions, advancing women’s access to economic resources and financial systems, and bridging the gaps between men and women in technology and digital participation are mutually reinforcing priorities for the empowerment of women in OIC Member States;
- **Condemning** the grave and systematic violations committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against Palestinian women and girls and other serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights law; **Further condemning** the continued illegal

occupation, colonial settlement expansion, land confiscation, and apartheid policies that undermine their rights and dignity;

- **Expressing** concern that women and girls in situations of armed conflict, including Sudan, and foreign occupation such as Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and Palestine, continue to face multiple challenges, including heightened vulnerability to violence and violations of their human rights;
- **Recognizing** that the family, as the natural and fundamental unit of society, plays a vital role in promoting the well-being and empowerment of women, and emphasizing the importance of strengthening family-oriented policies that support women, children and family cohesion, as a basis for resilient and inclusive societies in the Member States;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General,

1. **Commends** the efforts of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the OIC General Secretariat for the successful organization of the 9th Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women in Islamabad;
2. **Welcomes** the significant efforts made by the Arab Republic of Egypt as Chair of the 8th Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women., held from 6 - 8 July 2021 in Cairo, in coordination with the General Secretariat, and acknowledges the vital role played by the National Council for Women of Egypt in implementing the resolutions of the Conference by organizing and hosting various meetings and events;
3. **Welcomes** the resolutions and recommendations issued by the Islamic Summit Conference, the Council of Foreign Ministers and the OIC Ministerial Conferences on Women, especially the 8th Session, which called for empowering women, strengthening their role in decision-making processes and promoting their participation in the development of their communities and countries.;
4. **Encourages** OIC Member States to continue improving Development Index for men and women scores by reducing gender disparities in education, health, enhancing Political and Professional Participation of Women, advancing Women's access to economic resources and financial systems, bridging Gender gaps in Technology and digital participation and to address the social, economic, and political challenges faced by women;
5. **Calls upon** Member States to develop policies and strategies as well as a comprehensive approach and a supportive framework to create an enabling environment for women in the OIC Countries where they can fully realize their potential, enjoy their rights and opportunities, and contribute to sustainable socio-economic development, national prosperity, social cohesion and the collective progress of the Ummah, while combating intolerance, hatred, violence, negative stereotypes, stigmatization and discrimination;
6. **Calls upon** Member States to ensure women's full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership to promote the role of women in political, public and professional life, including in parliaments, local governance, public administration, the judiciary, and the security and military sectors, academia, diplomacy, peacebuilding processes and senior decision-making positions, all in line with national laws, policies and priorities;
7. **Encourages** Member States to promote enabling workplace environments for women, including safe and decent working conditions, skills development, mentorship, leadership training, family-friendly policies, work-life balance measures and support for a more balanced sharing of care responsibilities;

8. **Calls upon** Member States to strengthen the enforcement of laws concerning the civil rights of women and girls, in particular laws addressing child and forced marriage, sexual violence in all its forms, abuse, exploitation, and harm against women and girls, allocate the needed resources for that;
9. **Calls upon** Member States to strengthen women's economic empowerment by improving women's access to financial services, Islamic finance, microfinance, financial literacy entrepreneurship support, financial mentoring networks, and the establishment and strengthening of women's cooperatives, digital financial tools, vocational training, and social protection, particularly for women in vulnerable situations, while stressing the need to adopt a budgeting approach that is responsive to both male and female, as a critical tool to achieving equality in the distribution of resources and to ensure effectiveness of developmental policies;
10. **Calls upon** OIC Member States to lay special emphasis on women's scientific and knowledge empowerment as a means of achieving economic, social, and political empowerment, and to invest in education to build human capital;
11. **Invites** the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and other relevant OIC financial institutions to consider developing dedicated programmes, concessional financing windows, capacity-building initiatives and technical assistance to support women entrepreneurs, women-led small and medium enterprises, and women's access to digital and Islamic financial services;
12. **Urges** Member States to bridge the digital divide affecting women and girls by expanding affordable and safe access to digital technologies, promoting digital literacy, supporting women's participation in STEM education and careers, and increasing opportunities for women and girls with disabilities in emerging fields, including artificial intelligence, cyber security, e-commerce and digital entrepreneurship through legislative and policy measures, and calls on Member States to share their national experiences in terms of strategies for the digitization of social and family services designed for the most vulnerable women, particularly those in disadvantaged areas;
13. **Calls upon** Member States to strengthen measures to prevent and address online harassment, cyber stalking, technology-facilitated abuse, such as abusing images and personal data, AI-enabled impersonation and other forms of digital harm against women and girls, through prevention, protection, capacity-building, and international cooperation, while promoting a safe, inclusive and empowering digital environment;
14. **Calls upon** Member States to develop responsive climate change adaptation and mitigation policies that incorporate both male and female perspective that recognizes women as active agents in building resilience, especially to address vulnerability related to food security and the livelihood of women and girls from rural areas and underprivileged regions, thereby ensuring an integrated response to climate-induced crises;
15. **Encourages** Member States to strengthen the collection and use of data evidence on the impacts of climate change, environmental degradation and natural disasters on women and girls, and to exchange good practices on women-focused climate resilience, disaster preparedness, response and recovery measures within the OIC framework;
16. **Calls upon** Member States, the General Secretariat and relevant OIC institutions to strengthen cooperation for the protection, empowerment and meaningful participation of women and girls in situations of armed conflict, foreign occupation, such as Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and Palestine, displacement and humanitarian emergencies; promote the effective participation of women in decision making in the crisis

resilience, response, recovery and reconstruction phases, while providing psychological and social support services to affected women and girls; including through access to safe and uninterrupted education, health care, psychosocial support to improve their mental health, livelihood opportunities and justice;

17. **Encourages** the Member States to continue taking concrete steps to end Israeli occupation in Palestine and Indian occupation in Indian Illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir as it is main obstacle for advancing women rights;
18. **Encourages** Member States to ensure that policies and programmes for women's empowerment are accessible, inclusive of and responsive to the needs of women and girls with disabilities, including through inclusive education, skills development, assistive technologies, employment opportunities, protection services, social services and participation in public life;
19. **Encourages** Member States to promote the active participation of husbands/fathers in family education programmes in order to strengthen positive parenting, shared family responsibilities, healthy family relationships and family well-being;
20. **Expresses** deep disappointment and regret at the suspension of girls' education and job opportunities for Afghan women which also tarnishes the essence and image of Islam and stresses the importance of commitment to guaranteeing equal participation of all women and girls, without distinction, in public life within the Afghan society as per Islamic values and principles;
21. **Requests** the General Secretariat, in coordination with relevant OIC Organs and institutions, to foster cooperation within the OIC through a platform for exchanging best practices in the field of women's empowerment;
22. **Welcomes** the regular meetings of the OIC Women Consultative Council, appreciates the active participation and contributions of its members to the Council's meetings and national and regional activities, welcomes its recommendations, and encourages the Council to continue its mandated work in accordance with its Statute;
23. **Reaffirms** the centrality of women's empowerment and the promotion of women's participation in development to the work of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and calls upon Member States to continue their efforts to achieve the OIC's objectives in the field of women's empowerment and to implement the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women, and encourages Member States to strengthen linkages between policies for the advancement of women and those for family protection and cohesion, as integrated frameworks for the socioeconomic empowerment of women;
24. **Calls upon** the OIC General Secretariat, in cooperation with the relevant OIC organs and institutions, to follow up on the implementation of the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) through the convening of periodic review meetings, and encourages Member States to submit voluntary national progress reports in this regard, with a view to exchanging best practices, identifying challenges, and determining areas requiring support and joint action;
25. **Commends** SESRIC, in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, for preparing the OIC Women and Development Report 2026, takes note of its findings and recommendations, and calls upon Member States and relevant OIC institutions to draw upon the report in designing evidence-based policies and programmes for women's empowerment;

26. **Commends** SESRIC for its continued efforts in supporting women's empowerment through its capacity-building programmes, the OICStat Database and StatCaB Programme, and the promotion of South-South and Triangular Cooperation, and calls upon OIC Member Countries to actively participate by contributing expertise, identifying capacity-building needs, and sharing knowledge and good practices;
27. **Commends** Dr. Afnan Alshuaiby, the outgoing Executive Director of the Women Development Organization, for her valuable efforts to operationalize the Organization, congratulates Ms. Sarah bint Ismail bin Ibrahim Al-Shura on her election as the new Executive Director of the WDO, and calls upon the OIC General Secretariat and relevant OIC organs and institutions to provide the necessary support to the Executive Director in the performance of her duties;
28. **Expresses** appreciation to the Arab Republic of Egypt and General Secretariat for its technical and financial support to the Women Consultative Council, commends the Republic of Türkiye for establishing and supporting the Council and for its voluntary contribution of USD 200,000 for the Council's activities, and encourages Member States to continue making voluntary contributions to support the Council's work;
29. **Takes** note with appreciation of the conclusion of the term of office of all members of the Women Consultative Committee, which began in 2016 and **commends** their efforts in promoting joint Islamic action by submitting recommendations to the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women regarding women's empowerment during their term of office;
30. **Endorses** the nomination of the following as members of the Women Consultative Council as proposed by the OIC Geographic Groups for the First term, starting from July 2026, pursuant to Article 3 of the OIC WCC's internal Rules and Working Procedures;

Arab Group:

- from
-from
-from

African Group:

- H.E. Ms. Imaan Suliman Ibrahim, fsi from the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- H.E. Dr. DADDA Fadimatou from the Republic of Cameroon
- Hajat Saida Namirembe Bumba from the Republic of Uganda

Asian Group:

- H.E. Dr. Narjes Abloghasemi Dehaghani from the Islamic Republic of Iran
- H.E. Prof. Dato Dr. Nik Salida Suhaila Nik Saleh from Malaysia
- H.E. Dr. Ravza Kavakci Kan from the Republic of Türkiye

31. **Calls upon the** Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the host Country, to proceed with the appointment of the Chairperson of the Council and to inform the General Secretariat for circulation among Member States, **that** Shall be appointed by the Minister in Charge of Women of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, President of the current session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women;
32. **Endorses** the nomination of candidates from the three geographical groups of the OIC, in addition to the nominee of the State of Palestine, as recipients of the Third Edition of the OIC Award for Women's Achievements under the theme "The Role of Women in

Technology,” as recommended by the OIC Women Consultative Council at its Ninth Meeting held on 10 September 2025;

Arab Group:

Institute of Public Administration Gender Balance Center, ELEVATE Initiative,
Saudi Arabia

African Group :

Ms. Awa Mamadou Ndiaye DIA, Senegal

Asian Group:

Ms. Burcu Ozsoy, Republic of Türkiye

Palestine:

Ms. Amaal Nemr Seiam, State of Palestine

33. **Welcomes** the establishment of the OIC Award for Women’s Achievements, calls upon the Women Consultative Council, as the selecting committee and in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, to continue organizing future editions of the Award, and calls upon Member States to make voluntary contributions to the budget of the General Secretariat to be disbursed exclusively for the Award;
34. **Commends** the OIC Member States for their consistent and principled leadership in this process in particular the Arab Republic of Egypt for its outstanding leadership and strategic coordination, in its capacity as Chair of the Second Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Social Development, and as the coordinator of the OIC Group in the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly, Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Türkiye and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as the coordinator of the OIC Group in Geneva;
35. **Commends** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its efforts in convening the International Conference on “Women in Islam: Status and Empowerment” on 8 November 2023 in Jeddah in cooperation and coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, **welcomes** the final document and Jeddah Declaration issued by the Conference, and **calls** upon Member States and the relevant OIC Organs and institutions to implement them, according to their laws and regulations;
36. **Commends** the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for organizing the International Conference on “Girls’ Education in Muslim Communities: Challenges and Opportunities,” on 11-12 January 2025 in Islamabad, jointly organized by the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Muslim World League and the OIC General Secretariat, and appreciates Pakistan’s earlier initiative, in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers, to organize the high-level conference entitled “Women in Islam: Understanding the Rights and Identity of Women in the Islamic World,” on 8 March 2023 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, on the margins of the sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, as a contribution to bridge the perception-reality gap on the rights of women in Islam, counter stereotypes for men and women, and advancing the rights, dignity, education and empowerment of women and girls in the Islamic world;
37. **Commends** the Arab Republic of Egypt, Chair of the 8th Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women for its efforts in convening the International Conference on “Investing in Religious and Media Discourse and its Impact on Protecting and Promoting Women’s Rights in the OIC Member States” – which was held in Cairo, Arab Republic of

Egypt, on 1–2 February 2026 in cooperation and coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, and the WDO General Secretariat, and welcomes the Cairo Declaration and the recommendations issued by the Conference, and calls upon Member States and the relevant OIC Organs and institutions to implement them according to their laws and regulations;

38. **Welcomes** the outstanding cooperation between Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), the Muslim Council of Elders and the OIC General Secretariat, particularly in such areas as renewal of religious discourse and fostering of a culture of tolerance in the world;
39. **Commends** the efforts of the United Arab Emirates for inaugurating the “Women in a Changing World Conference,” launched on November 4, 2024, being organized by the General Women’s Union of the United Arab Emirates, in cooperation with UN Women, the International Telecommunication Union, and the Cyber security Council;
40. **Commends** the efforts made by the Islamic Republic of Iran for holding the meeting on ‘Women’s Empowerment, Family Strengthening, and Social Development’ on 12 March 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters, as a side event to the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW);
41. **Commends** the efforts of the State of Qatar for hosting the Second World Summit for Social Development, held from 4 to 6 November 2025, and **expresses** appreciation for its commitment to advancing inclusive and sustainable social development at the global level, with the participation of the General Secretariat;
42. **Welcomes** the ongoing engagement and cooperation between the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and Al Mujadilah Center in the field of women’s development and empowerment, which commenced in October 2025; **commends** the efforts of the Center in organizing the Second Session of the Jadal Summit, including the sideline workshop on “Mapping the Women, Peace and Security Landscape Through History, Faith, Actors, and Country Case Studies”, with the participation of the General Secretariat;
43. **Commends** the efforts of relevant OIC organs and institutions in supporting Member States in the area of women’s empowerment and promoting women’s participation in development, and calls for the continuation of those efforts in order to achieve the Organization’s objectives in this area;
44. **Calls** upon States to enhance support for and protection of the family, as the natural and fundamental unit of society entitled to protection by society and the State, while recognizing the integral role of women within the family and their vital contributions to sustainable political, economic, social and cultural development, as well as to the well-being of communities;
45. **Appreciates** the initiative taken by the Republic of Türkiye to proclaim the period 2026-2035 as the "OIC Decade of Family and Population" and encourages the completion of the necessary procedural steps to that end;
46. **Commends** the progress achieved by the OIC General Secretariat, in cooperation with the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) and in coordination with the competent authorities of Burkina Faso, in the implementation of the project “Empowering Women and Children without Parental Guidance in Refugee Camps and Displaced Areas;”
47. **Welcomes** the establishment of the OIC Family Committee, pursuant to Resolution No. 4/51-CUL (C), adopted by the 51st CFM, held on 21-22 June 2025, in Istanbul, so as to deliberate on the protection and support of the family institution in OIC Member States, to

promote the Islamic family values, to monitor progress of the implementation of the OIC Strategy for the Empowerment of the Family and Marriage Institution (2020-2025); And takes note of the generous offer by the Republic of Türkiye to host the inaugural meeting of the OIC Family Committee;

48. **Commends** the Republic of Türkiye to have successfully organized the ALLY for Future: Leadership Programme for Young Muslim Women 2026" event, on 21-25 June 2026 in Ankara, which brought together young Muslim women from OIC Member States and Observer States who have demonstrated or possess strong potential for leadership within their respective fields;
49. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat in organizing a field visit to the centers for displaced persons in Burkina Faso from August 12–17, 2025, led by the Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian, Cultural, and Social Affairs, with the participation of the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the International Committee of the Red Crescent, and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, and **takes** note with appreciation of the financial contribution of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) with the amount of USD 210,000 in support of the second phase of the said project;
50. **Calls upon** OIC funding institutions, including the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF), and other relevant partners, to contribute to the subsequent phases of the project, with a view to strengthening its sustainability, expanding it to new priority targets and maximizing its impact on the livelihoods, dignity, and resilience of refugee and displaced women and children;
51. **Calls upon** OIC funding institutions to increase support to areas facing security and humanitarian challenges through financing and the transfer of low-carbon and environmentally friendly technologies (e.g., mobile solar-powered processing units for women's cooperatives, drip irrigation systems managed by women's groups);
52. **Requests** the Secretary General to consult with Member States on the venue and date of the Tenth OIC Ministerial Conference on Women scheduled for 2028;
53. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution, and to report thereon to the Council of Foreign Ministers and to the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women at its tenth session.
