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We, Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), participating in the 52nd session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers, gathered in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad on 17 and 18 October 2026, corresponding to 6 and 7 Jumada-l-Ula, 1448AH,

Commending the huge efforts deployed by the Republic of Iraq in hosting the meetings of the 52nd session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and providing the means to ensure its success,

Affirming the commitment of Member States to the principles and objectives enshrined in the OIC Charter and the OIC Programme of Action, particularly the relevant texts to strengthening the foundations of unity among our Member States and peoples and solidarity with Muslim communities and minorities,

Reaffirming our firm commitment to contributing to peace, security and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and recognizing the vital importance of upholding its constitutional order and democratic institutions for regional peace and stability.

Appreciating the pioneering role of the OIC in its efforts to enhance cooperation among Member States in all fields – political, economic, social, cultural, etc.,

1. **Welcome** the unanimous election of H.E. Mr. Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed as secretary-general. We commend his strategic vision and invite Member States to provide the necessary means for its implementation. We express our confidence in his abilities and commitment to continue the development of this age-old institution in serving the cause of the Islamic Ummah. We also appreciate the efforts of H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha throughout his time at the helm of the OIC in promoting Islamic solidarity and forging common positions on the massive challenges that faced the Muslim world in the past period.
2. **Reaffirm** the centrality of the cause of Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif for the Islamic Ummah, and that Al-Quds Al-Sharif is an integral part of the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967 and the capital of the State of Palestine. We reject all Israeli actions and measures to change the legal, political, geographical and demographic status of the city to undermine its Arab, Islamic and Christian identity. We affirm that the existing historical and legal status in its holy sites must be preserved, and support the Jordanian Hashemite custodianship of the sites. We condemn all incursions into and violations of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and Islamic and Christian holy sites, including the Ibrahimi Mosque. We underscore the importance of the role played by the Al-Quds Committee and the Bayt Mal

Al-Quds Agency in protecting Al-Quds and supporting the steadfastness of its inhabitants and institutions.

3. **Reaffirm** that Al-Aqsa Mosque / Al-Haram Al-Sharif, in its entirety and across its full area of 144 dunums, is an exclusive place of worship for Muslims. They further affirmed that the “Jerusalem Awqaf and Al-Aqsa Mosque Affairs Department”, affiliated with the Jordanian Ministry of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places, is the legal authority vested with the exclusive jurisdiction to manage all its affairs and regulate access thereto. We also reaffirmed their support for the historic Hashemite Custodianship over the Islamic and Christian holy sites in the city of *Al-Quds*, and its role in safeguarding these holy places, preserving their Arab Islamic and Christian identity, and maintaining the existing historical and legal status quo therein.
4. **Strongly condemn** the Israeli occupation’s continued expansion of settlements, confiscation of lands, demolition of homes, forced displacement, settlers’ terrorism and all measures aimed at annexation and imposition of illegal realities on the ground. We stress particularly the danger of the E1 settlement scheme and its attendant threat to geographical contiguity of the Palestinian territory and the isolation of East Jerusalem from its Palestinian neighborhood. We affirm the illegality of all settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, in accordance with international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular Resolution 2334. We call on the international community to take active steps to stop these activities, ensure accountability for violations against the Palestinian people, safeguard their right to remain on their land, and reject any attempts to displace them.
5. **Commend** the diplomatic and mediation efforts undertaken by the Arab Republic of Egypt, State of Qatar and the Republic of Türkiye in cooperation with regional and international partners, to consolidate the ceasefire, ensure unhindered delivery of humanitarian aid, create the conditions for the early recovery and reconstruction of the Gaza Strip, and secure Israeli withdrawal from the Strip, thereby preserving the unity of the Palestinian territory and preventing any attempts at forcible displacement or alteration of the Strip’s demographic composition.
6. **Affirm** that the Gaza Strip is an integral part of the State of Palestine and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and that any arrangements concerning it must be temporary and time bound, must not constitute an alternative to the State of Palestine and its legitimate institutions, and must lead to the unification of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, under the authority of the State of Palestine, its government and legitimate institutions. We emphasize that the second phase of the plan to end the conflict in Gaza must be implemented in full, in accordance with Security Council resolution 2803(2025), including a permanent ceasefire, full Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and ensuring sufficient, sustainable and unhindered flow of humanitarian assistance and immediate commencement of recovery and reconstruction. We reject categorically any plans or attempts to displace the Palestinian people from their land.
7. **Underscore** that ending the aggression and the recovery and reconstruction of Gaza must come under a political path that is clear, credible and cannot be delayed, in order to end the Israeli occupation, actualize the independence and sovereignty of the State of Palestine on the borders of 4 June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and achieve the Two-State

solution, in line with international law, the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and the 2002 Arab peace initiative. We welcome the international efforts to implement the New York Declaration and strengthen the Global Alliance for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution. We call for these commitments to be translated into practical and concrete steps that will preserve the viability of the Two-State solution and prevent it from being undermined on the ground.

8. **Call** for the immediate, full and unconditional release of the illegally seized Palestinian funds and for them to be remitted regularly. We warn against the dangerous implications of their continued seizure for the ability of the State of Palestine and its institutions to meet their obligations and provide basic services to the Palestinian people and enhance their resilience. We commend the progress achieved by the State of Palestine in the implementation of its institutional, administrative and financial reform programmes and the promotion of governance, transparency and accountability. We call on Member States and the international community to continue and enhance political, economic and financial support for the State of Palestine through the immediate and regular activation of the Islamic Financial Safety Net.
9. **Reject** all illegal all actions and measures to undermine the work of the United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) or to limit its ability to implement its mandate. We affirm that the Agency is indispensable and irreplaceable until a just and lasting settlement is found for the issue of the Palestinian refugees, in accordance with relevant resolutions of the United Nations. We call for necessary political and financial support for UNRWA to enable it continue to render its services to the Palestinian refugees in the five areas of its operations, in line with its mandate granted to it by the United Nations General Assembly.
10. **Welcome** and **commend** the decisions of all States that have recognized the State of Palestine and value their historic positions, grounded in international law and United Nations resolutions, which embody a commitment to justice, peace and the rule of law. We call upon all States that have not yet recognized the State of Palestine to do so and to support its full membership in the United Nations. We affirm that recognition of the State of Palestine and the realization of its independence and sovereignty constitute an essential part of achieving a just and lasting peace. We call for the continued implementation of the commitments and pledges contained in the New York Declaration and for the acceleration of international efforts aimed at ending the occupation in accordance with the agreed international terms of reference. We condemn the decisions of States intending to open diplomatic offices or missions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, as such actions undermine the City's legal status and violate international law and relevant United Nations resolutions, particularly Security Council resolutions 476 and 478 (1980). In this context, we condemn in the strongest terms the Republic of Colombia's opening of its embassy in occupied Al-Quds, in flagrant violation of international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, particularly resolutions 476 and 478 (1980), and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. We deplore its disregard for the appeals and diplomatic communications addressed to it by Arab and Islamic States, as well as international calls urging it to refrain from taking such a step. We affirm that this unlawful measure has no legal effect and cannot be relied upon as a basis for legitimizing any change to the legal or political status of Al-Quds Al-Sharif or undermining its status as an integral part of the occupied Palestinian

territory, nor does it in any way diminish the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. We call upon the Republic of Colombia to reverse this decision and fully comply with its obligations under international law and relevant Security Council resolutions.

11. **Reject** the continued deprivation of the State of Palestine from participating in the 80th and the 81st sessions of the United Nations General Assembly in 2025 and 2026 for the second consecutive year as a violation of relevant legal provisions, including resolution 67/19 of 29 November 2012 on granting the State of Palestine an Observer Status at the United Nations and resolution A/RES/ES-10/23 of 10 May 2024 which affirms the right of the State of Palestine to participate in the sessions and work of the General Assembly and United Nations conferences. We affirm that the illegal exclusion of the State of Palestine must not be allowed, in line with United Nations resolutions adopted in that regard. We express our condemnation of Israel's attempts to undermine the status of the State of Palestine in the United Nations.
12. **Support** the efforts to achieve Palestinian national unity under the Palestine Liberation Organization, the legitimate and sole representative of the Palestinian people, and to promote the unity of Palestinian territory and institutions, including the unity of the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and East Jerusalem, thereby enhancing the ability of the Palestinian people to be steadfast and to exercise their inalienable rights to self-determination and establish their independent state, with East Jerusalem as its capital.
13. **Call** for declaring October 17th of each year a "Gaza Genocide Memorial Day" within the framework of the OIC, and for commemorating this Day annually in tribute to the victims of the genocide perpetrated by Israel and to ensure that their suffering remains enshrined in the collective memory of the world.
14. **Affirm** our steadfast position on preserving the sovereignty and respect of Member States, their independence, territorial integrity and non-interference in their internal affairs.
15. **Express** our condemnation and categorical rejection of the recognition of "Somaliland" by Israel, occupying power, considering such a violation of the sovereignty, national unity and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Somalia. We affirm our full support for the Federal Republic of Somalia and our constant solidarity with the Somali government and people.
16. **Reiterate** our commitment to support peace, security and stability in Afghanistan and also to respect its sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity. We affirm the importance of continued dialogue and constructive engagement with the de facto authorities in order to serve the interests of the Afghan people and enhance Afghanistan's integration into its regional and international neighborhood. We underscore the need to fulfil international commitments, particularly with regard to the fight against terrorism, extremism and the illegal drug trafficking, and to prepare favorable conditions to achieve sustainable economic and social development. Further, we reiterate the importance of protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms and ensuring the rights of all Afghans, including the rights of women and girls to education, employment and participation in public life. We also call for continued humanitarian and developmental efforts to alleviate the suffering of the Afghan people, while emphasizing on the role of the OIC Contact Group on Afghanistan in strengthening coordination among Member States and advancing collective efforts to address the challenges facing Afghanistan, while highlighting the vital

role played by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in supporting peace, stability and development in Afghanistan.

17. **Affirm** the need to ensure freedom and security of navigation in all international maritime corridors, without any obstacles, restrictions or conditions. We call upon Member States to strengthen cooperation in the field of maritime security and information-sharing, in accordance with international law and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), while emphasizing the need to respect the sovereignty of all Member States.
18. **Reiterate** our full solidarity with the people of Jammu and Kashmir and our unwavering support for their inalienable right to self-determination, in accordance with relevant UN Security Council resolutions and the principles of international law, and in line with the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. We express deep concern over the continued deterioration of the humanitarian, human rights, and security situation in illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, and call for respect for its international status and the reversal of all unilateral and illegal measures taken since 2019. We reaffirm that the Jammu and Kashmir issue remains an unresolved matter affecting peace, security, and stability in South Asia, and call for a peaceful, just, and lasting settlement of the dispute in accordance with relevant UN Security Council resolutions.
19. **Express** our concern regarding serious human rights violations, primarily against the Rohingya Muslim community and Muslim groups and communities in Myanmar, and call for urgent measures to uphold the fundamental rights and freedoms of this community; we further reaffirm our strong commitment to working towards a successful outcome in the case brought by the Republic of The Gambia against Myanmar before the International Court of Justice, and to accelerating the repatriation of forcibly displaced Rohingya to their homeland, Myanmar. We stress the need for OIC Member States to continue providing support to strengthen the resilience of the Rohingya, promote their self-reliance and improve their living conditions. We call on Member States to maintain their support for the Rohingya Muslim community and other Muslim groups that have suffered grave human rights violations for nearly a decade. We also emphasize the need to develop a credible roadmap that addresses the root causes of the Rohingya crisis and facilitates their safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable return to Myanmar. We reaffirm our support for the Government of Bangladesh, which bears a heavy humanitarian burden in providing shelter to more than 1.2 million Rohingya Muslims. We also reaffirm our support for the case brought by The Gambia against Myanmar before the International Court of Justice.
20. **Support** the aspirations of the Muslim Turkish Cypriots to secure their inherent rights and stress the importance of finding a negotiated, mutually acceptable, just, lasting and sustainable settlement of the Cyprus issue and emphasize the importance of developing contacts with the Muslim Turkish Cypriots in order to overcome the unjust isolation imposed upon them.
21. **Welcome** the progress in the normalization process between the Republic of Azerbaijan and Armenia, in particular, the initialing of the bilateral Agreement on Establishment of Peace and Inter-State Relations and subsequent efforts for consolidating peace and building confidence through bilateral interaction in areas of mutual interest, and urge Armenia to address the remaining legal and political obstacles for its signing, and thus, cease and desist

from undermining the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan. Reaffirm our full solidarity with the Government and People of Azerbaijan in their efforts to rehabilitate and reconstruct the liberated territories, heavily impacted by Armenian aggression, and call on OIC member states to actively support Azerbaijan's demining efforts, which are vital for ensuring safety, enabling reconstruction, and securing the dignified return of displaced persons;

22. **Reiterate** our solidarity with Member States on the African continent, in particular, those in the Sahel region and the Lake Chad Basin, in the face of the security, political, humanitarian, and developmental challenges they confront. We express our deep concern over the persistence of terrorist acts and the attendant loss of life and suffering inflicted upon the population. We emphasize the importance of intensifying joint efforts to support security and stability, assist the concerned states in combating terrorism and extremism and addressing their root causes, and strengthen cooperation among the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the African Union, and relevant regional organizations, thereby supporting peace and development efforts and realizing the aspirations of the continent's peoples for a more secure, stable, and prosperous future.
23. **Reaffirm** the OIC's steadfast and continued support for African countries—including those in the Sahel and Lake Chad Basin regions—that are facing numerous challenges related to climate change affecting agricultural production and food security; and we call upon OIC Member States, as well as its relevant bodies and financial institutions, to provide further support to these countries.
24. **Highly commend** the intensive diplomatic efforts undertaken by the Republic of Iraq and its significant diplomatic achievement in being elected to the United Nations Human Rights Council for the 2026–2028 term. This achievement represents a culmination of Iraq's positive and balanced role in promoting and protecting human rights, strengthening its active presence in international fora, supporting dialogue and mutual understanding, and fostering a culture of human rights. We also express our appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Islamic States that are members of the Human Rights Council, and emphasize the importance of continued coordination among them in strengthening their collective presence and serving the interests of the Islamic Ummah and its just causes.
25. **Express** our deep concern over the continued rise of Islamophobia, including hate speech, discrimination, negative stereotyping, and acts of violence against Muslims, as well as the deliberate desecration of the Holy Quran and attacks on mosques and Islamic holy sites, which constitute a grave violation of international law and an incitement to hatred and violence. We reaffirm that freedom of expression must be exercised responsibly and in accordance with international human rights law, and that it may not be used as a pretext to insult religious beliefs or incite hatred. We welcome UN General Assembly Resolution 76/254, which designated March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia, and Resolution 78/264 on measures to combat Islamophobia, including the appointment of a UN Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia, and we call for their full and effective implementation. We also commend the work of the OIC Special Envoy on Islamophobia and the Organization's Islamophobia Observatory, and we urge Member States to coordinate their positions in international forums and to cooperate constructively with governments, the media, and civil society to counter disinformation and promote interfaith and intercultural dialogue. Furthermore, we encourage States to adopt legislative and

practical measures to prevent and criminalize acts of religious hatred against Muslims, ensure accountability for perpetrators, and protect the rights and dignity of Muslims, as well as Muslim groups and communities, worldwide.

26. **Affirm** our commitment to promoting the rights of Muslim communities and minorities in non-OIC Member States.
27. **Reiterate** our support for the Turkish Muslim Minority of Western Thrace and Turkish Muslim Population of the Dodecanese in Greece to ensure the full enjoyment of their basic rights and freedoms and affirm that their religious and cultural rights must be duly respected.
28. **Reaffirm** our unwavering commitment to the guiding principles and global standards enshrined in the OIC Charter. We underscore the importance of the role played by the Peace, Security, and Conflict Resolution Unit within the OIC General Secretariat; this unit constitutes a strategic necessity and an indispensable operational tool for addressing rapidly unfolding crises and safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States. We also emphasize that consolidating the foundations of stability and development across the Muslim world requires the development of practical, measurable mechanisms for early warning and preventive diplomacy under the auspices of the General Secretariat. Such mechanisms must ensure the early, peaceful resolution of disputes, bolster collective efforts to spare peoples the consequences of conflict, and effectively contribute to preserving the unity of the Muslim world and realizing its shared developmental aspirations.
29. **Express** our deep concern over the persistent challenges of terrorism and violent extremism, and we reaffirm the utmost priority the OIC attaches to the agenda of combating terrorism and dismantling its extremist narrative as a direct threat to peace, security, and development. We emphasize the OIC's comprehensive approach, which links intellectual confrontation and the refutation of the ideological underpinnings of terrorist groups with the promotion of values of moderation and tolerance, as well as the cutting off of sources of funding and digital incitement, all within the framework of a steadfast commitment to safeguarding the security of Islamic societies and protecting their stability and growth.
30. **Call** for support for the work of the Election Observation Unit at the OIC General Secretariat and its contribution to deploying election observation missions to Member States in response to invitations from those States, in line with the provisions of the OIC Charter regarding the "promotion of human rights, fundamental freedoms, good governance, the rule of law, democracy, and accountability in Member States, in accordance with their constitutional and legal systems".
31. **Reaffirm** our commitment to the importance of reforming the OIC and developing its working mechanisms to keep pace with regional and international changes and the realities of the modern era.
32. **Recall** all previous resolutions adopted by the OIC Summit and Council of Foreign Ministers on the reform of the United Nations and expansion of UN Security Council's membership; reiterate that efforts at the reform of the Security Council should not be subjected to any artificial deadlines, and that a decision on this issue should be made by consensus; and reaffirm OIC's decision that any reform proposal which neglects the

adequate representation of the Islamic Ummah in any category of membership in an extended Security Council will not be acceptable to the Islamic World.

33. **Commend** the work undertaken by the General Secretariat, the OIC representative offices, and the humanitarian coordination offices to alleviate the suffering of those in need, particularly in Member States affected by crises and disasters. We also commend the growing cooperation and partnership between the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and the international humanitarian community, and we value the joint efforts to bolster support for OIC Member States affected by humanitarian emergencies and crises. Furthermore, we call upon Member States to channel a portion of their generous humanitarian aid through the OIC, with the aim of demonstrating the spirit of solidarity and strengthening joint Islamic humanitarian action.
34. **Urge** Member States to prioritize issues concerning women, the family, and social development in their national policies and programmes as well as in joint Islamic action, and to promote women's rights, empowerment, and active participation in all fields, including decision-making and the building of peace and security.
35. **Emphasize** the importance of protecting the family, consolidating its cohesion, supporting the institution of marriage, and creating the foundations for its stability, considering the family an essential foundation for building societies dominated by dialogue, interdependence, and solidarity.
36. **Call** for safeguarding children's rights and ensuring their protection and development in a safe environment; caring for the elderly, upholding their dignity, and leveraging their contributions; and empowering persons with special needs, while removing barriers to their full participation in society. These efforts are to be pursued through inclusive and equitable social policies that are guided by our Islamic values and give effect to our shared commitments, thereby fostering intergenerational cohesion and consolidating the foundations of peace, stability, and sustainable development.
37. **Call** on Member States that have yet to join the Women Development Organization (WDO) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to do so and to sign and ratify its Statute. This aims to strengthen the role of the WDO as a specialized mechanism for translating the OIC's goals, policies, and efforts regarding the advancement of women into practical programmes and projects with tangible impact, as well as for pooling resources and exchanging expertise, thereby broadening the horizons for women's empowerment and their effective participation in the development process within our Member States.
38. **Affirm** that dialogue among cultures and civilizations, grounded in mutual respect and the acceptance of diversity constitutes a fundamental pillar for consolidating peace and coexistence among peoples. We reiterate our commitment to promoting the tolerant values of Islam, based on moderation, balance, and tolerance, and to rejecting all forms of hate speech and extremism.
39. **Emphasize** the importance of preserving the tangible and intangible cultural and civilizational heritage of Member States and protecting it from destruction, looting, and illicit trafficking. We commend the efforts made to rehabilitate heritage sites damaged by conflicts; and we call for enhanced cooperation with the OIC specialized institutions and international partners in this field.

40. **Emphasize** the importance of education, culture, and media as effective tools for spreading a culture of peace and solidarity and for strengthening ties among the peoples of Member States, and we call for the expansion of cultural exchange programmes and cooperation between cultural and academic institutions in Member States.
41. **Commend** the establishment of the OIC Fund for the support, rehabilitation, and employment of youth in the Sahel and Lake Chad Basin, and its provisional entry into force, as a significant tool of joint Islamic action to support and empower youth in the region. We call upon Member States, OIC organs and institutions, and relevant partners to provide the necessary political, technical, and financial support to the Fund; and we encourage expediting the completion of the remaining procedures for its full operationalization, with the aim of translating the OIC's collective commitment into tangible opportunities and sustainable outcomes for the benefit of the region's youth.
42. **Reaffirm** our commitment to enhancing economic cooperation and solidarity among OIC Member States in order to support sustainable, inclusive, and resilient economic growth. We emphasize the importance of boosting intra-OIC trade and investment, accelerating the implementation of the OIC Preferential Trade System, facilitating the movement of goods and services, and strengthening economic partnerships among Member States. In this context, we welcome the initiative of the Prime Minister of Iraq, Mr. Ali Faleh Al-Zaidi, aimed at achieving integration in transport and information technology, with a view to expanding investment opportunities, advancing economic development, and strengthening collective efforts to address crises and emerging challenges.
43. **Emphasize** the need to mobilize more investment and financing for sustainable development, infrastructure, energy, food security, digital transformation, and human capital development across OIC Member States. We call for enhanced cooperation among relevant OIC institutions, development and finance institutions, and Member States to support productive investment, entrepreneurship, innovation, and the development of resilient and diversified economies, particularly in the OIC's developing and least developed Member States.
44. **Emphasize** the importance of enhancing cooperation in the areas of food security, transport and logistics connectivity, the digital economy, innovation, and climate-resilient development; we encourage Member States to adopt practical initiatives and partnerships that contribute to reducing economic vulnerability, expanding employment opportunities for youth and women, and advancing the objectives of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action and relevant economic cooperation frameworks. We urge Member States and concerned institutions to develop, strengthen, and scale up Islamic social finance mechanisms to mobilize the resources necessary for assistance.
45. **Welcome** the concrete steps taken by Member States to ensure the secure and uninterrupted flow of energy resources through enhanced regional connectivity and diversified energy routes. We Encourage greater cooperation among Member States in strengthening cross-border connectivity, diversifying energy supply routes and sources, and developing resilient energy infrastructure with a view to enhancing energy security. We commend ongoing efforts and projects among Member States to leverage their strategic geographical location by investing in transport corridors, strengthening and modernizing existing

infrastructure, expanding trade and people-to-people exchanges, and thereby contributing to greater regional economic integration.

46. **Acknowledge** the importance of energy security and the abundance of energy resources in OIC Member States. We recommend that cooperation among them be enhanced to develop new technologies and renewable energy resources, rationalize energy use, and increase investments in exploration and production activities.
47. **Reaffirm** the vital importance of private sector effective participation in the economic development of Member States. We support the sector's engagement in implementing relevant OIC programmes and resolutions, recognizing it as a driver of sustainable economic growth and prosperity for Member States.
48. **Stress** the need to convene an OIC Economic Summit to enhance economic cooperation among Member States.
49. **Commend** the vital role of the COMCEC, under the wise leadership of H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOGAN, President of the Republic of Türkiye, towards addressing the common development challenges of the Member States through its flagship programs and projects, sectoral working groups and project support programs.
50. **Emphasize** the importance of strengthening cooperation among OIC Member States in the fields of science, technology and innovation; higher education and scientific research; health; the environment; and water resources management, as these are strategic areas for advancing sustainable and inclusive development, enhancing resilience, and improving the collective capacities of Member States to respond effectively to emerging regional and global challenges.
51. **Note** the importance of implementing the adopted resolution of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly "Sustainable Mountain Development", which declared 2023-2027 as the "Five Year of action for the Development of Mountain Regions", in order to strengthen international cooperation on the mountain agenda and its further effective implementation as well as welcomed and support the intention of Kyrgyzstan to hold the Second Global Mountain Summit "Bishkek+25" in October 2027.
52. **Emphasize** the pivotal role of science, technology, innovation, and human capital development in accelerating socio-economic transformation across the OIC region. We call for increased investment in scientific research, quality higher education, technological capabilities, knowledge sharing, and capacity building, with the aim of narrowing development gaps and addressing underlying challenges associated with poverty, disease, illiteracy, unemployment, and extremism.
53. **Express** our grave concern over reports indicating the growing use of artificial intelligence in activities and for purposes that undermine security and social peace, including the dissemination of hate speech and content that disrespects religious symbols, as well as the erosion of social cohesion through disinformation and misinformation. We call upon Member States to activate the dedicated technical committees established pursuant to the Tehran Declaration, including those concerned with AI education and workforce development, collaborative research and innovation, technology transfer, and the exchange of best practices. We also urge Member States and the relevant OIC institutions, particularly the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic

Countries (SESRIC), the Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH), and the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), to launch joint capacity-building programmes encompassing scholarships, specialized training, and fellowships in the field of artificial intelligence, while taking into account the needs of the least developed countries. We further encourage the establishment of public-private partnerships in Member States to develop AI applications in areas of shared priority, including healthcare, education, food security, water management, and climate change.

54. **Call** on Member States, relevant OIC institutions, and international partners to strengthen solidarity, cooperation and partnerships in the fields of health, environment and water resources management, through joint programmes, exchange of experiences, transfer of technology and innovative solutions, in order to improve public health and well-being, address environmental and climate challenges, enhance sustainable utilization of water resources, enhance resilience to climate change and water scarcity and contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goals throughout the OIC region.
55. **Call** on all Member States to deploy efforts to ensure the success of the 16th session of the Islamic Summit Conference, scheduled to be held in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2027.
56. **Welcome** the offer by the Republic of Benin to host the 53rd session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers.
57. **Welcome** the offer of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the 55th session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers in 2029.
58. **Calls upon** Member States to support the following candidatures:
 - The candidature of Dr. Mehmet Mehdi Eker of the Republic of Türkiye for the post of Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), at the elections scheduled to be held during the Forty-Fifth Session of the FAO Conference in Rome in July 2027, in a spirit of Islamic solidarity.
 - The candidature of Iraq for the presidency of the Forty-Fifth Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the 2029–2031 term, at the elections scheduled for November 2029.