

3) Resolutions On Cultural And Social Affairs Adopted By The 32nd Session Of The Islamic Conference Of Foreign Ministers (Session Of Integration And Development) Sana'a-Republic Of Yemen 21-23 Jumadul Awwal 1426h (28-30 June 2005)

On The Islamic Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation

Recalling earlier OIC summit and Ministerial resolutions on Muslim youth;

Proceeding from the resolution No.15-31/C 'On the Islamic Conference Youth Initiative' adopted by the Thirty-First Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey on 14-16 June 2004;

Taking note of resolution 1/1-ICMYS adopted by the First Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers, held on 24-25 Safar 1426H (3-4 April 2005) in Jeddah, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which "welcomed the Islamic Conference Youth Forum to become a leading youth institution in the Organization of Islamic Conference"

Welcoming the recommendation of the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts, reviewing the rules of observer status at the OIC held in Jeddah on 20-21 February 2005, to grant observer status to International NGOs aimed at promoting the cooperation between Member States.

Welcoming the establishment, within the framework of the Islamic Conference Youth Initiative, of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum- for dialogue and cooperation at its Founding General Assembly, held on 1-3 December 2004 in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan and the consequent meeting of the elected Board of the Forum.

Appreciating the efforts of the Government of Azerbaijan and other member states that have sent delegations to the Baku General Assembly of the ICYF-DC;

Underlining the importance of the empowerment of Muslim youth, and promotion of cooperation and friendly relations among them, as well as with other cultures outside of the OIC domain to promote peace, dialogue, mutual tolerance and understanding among civilizations and cultures;

Conscious of the growing need to promote greater cohesion and understanding between Member States as well as cultures and civilizations at large;

Recognizing the dynamism of the younger generations and their ability to play a pivotal role in developing international cultural brigades and ties;

Welcoming the proposal of the Government of the Republic of Turkey to host the permanent headquarters of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for dialogue and Cooperation;

Welcoming the prospect of cooperation between the ICYF and the United Nations Organization and its appropriate organs and agencies in areas of common interest.

Commending the support provided by the Islamic Development Bank, and other relevant OIC institutions for success of the initiative leading to the establishment of the Forum;

1. **Takes note** of the report of the Secretary General on implementation of the Islamic Conference Youth Initiative and establishment of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum- for dialogue and cooperation, aimed at promotion of coordination of youth activities in Member States.

2. **Endorses** the establishment of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for dialogue and cooperation as an independent international non-governmental youth institution, which is affiliated to the OIC and enjoys observer status at the OIC with its Headquarters in Istanbul, Turkey;
3. **Invites** the Member States to support ICYF-DC and to encourage their youth organizations to actively participate in and contribute to the Forum's work aimed at intellectual development of and solidarity among the youths of the OIC countries,
4. **Calls** upon the OIC subsidiary organs and specialized and affiliated institutions to support the activities of, and coordinate, where possible their work in the field of youth with the ICYF-DC,
5. **Expresses** the assurance that cooperation between the ICYF-DC and the United Nations Organization and its appropriate organs and agencies, especially the United Nations Children Fund, the UN special Unit for South-South Cooperation and the UNESCO will have the effect of further strengthening the capacities,
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to closely cooperate with the ICYF on the issues of youth policy and to submit annual reports on the Forum's activities to the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.
7. The status of the OIC affiliated institution granted to the Islamic Conference Youth Forum- for dialogue and cooperation by the Conference does not place any financial obligation on the budget of the OIC General Secretariat or that of any Member State.