

REPORT
OF THE
THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE
COUNCIL OF
FOREIGN MINISTERS

**(SESSION OF SHARED VISION OF A MORE SECURE
AND PROSPEROUS ISLAMIC WORLD)**

DUSHANBE, REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN
(18-20 MAY 2010)

1. At the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the 37th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Shared Vision of a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World), held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, from 4-6 Jamadul Thani 1431 H (18-20 May 2010);
2. The Meeting was opened with a recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an.
3. The Meeting was addressed by H. E. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan. Due to the importance of its content, the text of the President's speech is enclosed to the report and will be issued as an official document of the meeting.
4. His Excellency Waleed Mo'alleem, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic and Chairman of the 36th CFM delivered a speech in which he highlighted the important activities and developments that took place during the chairmanship of his country.
5. Addressing the opening session, H.E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Highlighted the major issues and activities of the OIC during the last year. The text of the Secretary General's statement is attached to the report.
6. The Meeting then unanimously elected H.E. Mr. Hamrokhon Zarifi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan, as Chairman of the 37th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers. It also approved the composition of the Bureau as follows: Republic of Yemen, Republic of Burkina Faso, and the State of Palestine as Vice-Chairs, and Syrian Arab Republic as Rapporteur.
7. The Meeting listened to a welcome address by His Excellency Mr. Zarifi, Foreign Minister of Tajikistan who expressed his gratitude for the election of his country as the Chair of the 37th CFM and reaffirmed his willingness to promote the joint Islamic action and strengthen solidarity and cooperation among the Islamic Ummah.
8. The Foreign Minister of Senegal delivered a statement on behalf of the Chairman of the OIC Summit. The representatives of the three geographic groups, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for the Arab Group, Niger for the African Group and Azerbaijan for the Asian Group thanked Tajikistan for hosting the Meeting and its generous hospitality. They also pledged the full cooperation of their respective regional groups with the Chair.
9. The Council adopted the report of the preparatory Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) for the current session, held in Jeddah from 27-29 Rabi Althani 1431H (12-14 April 2010). It also adopted the Draft Agenda and Work Program submitted to it by the SOM as well as the reports of the Islamic Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Affairs.

10. A wide range of issues of interest to Member States were discussed and resolutions were adopted by the Council related to the Cause of Palestine and the Middle East; Political Affairs; Ten-Year Programme of Action; Statutory, Organic and General Matters; Legal Affairs; Conditions of Muslim Minorities and Communities in non-OIC Member States; Information Affairs; Administrative and Financial Affairs; and Humanitarian Affairs.
11. The Council reviewed the draft resolution on the establishment of the Independent Permanent Commission on Human Right, and taking into account paragraph 13 of the report of the Senior Officials Meeting for the 37th CFM, decided to defer the adoption of the draft resolution on the Commission and to invite the General Secretariat to inform Member States of the outcome of the consultations between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic of Iran on determining the Headquarters of the Commission within a maximum period of six months from this date, with a view to presenting the draft to the 38th Session of the CFM for appropriate action.
12. The Council underscored the dangerous implications of Islamophobia and appreciated the efforts of the Secretary General in addressing the issue through dialogue and cooperation.
13. The Council commended the OIC Islamophobia Observatory for its Third Annual Report on Islamophobia and urged the Member States to support the Observatory in its efforts to combat the phenomenon of Islamophobia.
14. The Council noted with appreciation the establishment of the Department of Family Affairs in the General Secretariat in implementing the relevant resolution of OIC Summit and meetings of Foreign Ministers.
15. The Council adopted the Strategy proposed by the OIC Group on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva for broadening support for the OIC sponsored resolution on combating defamation of religions. The CFM thanked the Group for swift action towards evolving a comprehensive strategy and requested the OIC Groups in both Geneva and New York and the Secretary General of the OIC, in consultation with Member States, to take necessary steps, by exploring all procedural as well as substantive options, towards ensuring full implementation of the Strategy.
16. The Council welcomed the signing of the adopted OIC Charter during the Session by the Republic of Kazakhstan. A Memorandum of Understanding on advancing cooperation and coordination was signed between the OIC and IDB.
17. The Council commended the Government of Tajikistan for organizing special brainstorming session on the theme of “Central Asia and the Muslim World: Strategic Vision for Solidarity”, with active participation of the Member States

- and adopted a resolution thereon. It appreciated the Secretary General for his praiseworthy initiative and the concrete proposals contained in his concept paper.
18. The Council took note of the offer made by the Republic of Kazakhstan for convening the 38th Session of the CFM in Astana from 28-30 June 2011.
 19. The Council welcomed the offer made by the Republic of Guinea to host the 40th Session of the CFM in Conakry in 2013.
 20. On behalf of all the participants, H.E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary General of the OIC, addressed a cable of thanks to H.E. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, for hosting of the 37th CFM by his country and for the facilities and the generous hospitality extended to the delegates, which highly contributed to the success of its 37th Session.

Dushanbe, 20 May 2010