

## Departamento de Medio Oriente

### Organization of the Islamic Conference

#### Resolution (2) On Matters Related To Economic Assistance to some Countries and Peoples

(Istanbul, 20-24 October 2008)

The Twenty-Fourth Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (COMCEC), which was held in Istanbul on 20-24 October 2008;

Requests the Member States to send detailed reports on assistance to other OIC Member States to the OIC General Secretariat for compilation and submission to annual COMCEC Sessions in order to follow-up on the resolutions adopted under this set of Resolution 2.

#### A. Economic Measures in Support of Palestine

Recalling the resolutions adopted by OIC Summits in support of the Palestinian people;

Recalling Also the previous resolutions adopted by the Standing Committee at Ministerial Meetings and meetings of the other committees;

Recalling further the resolutions adopted by the 34th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers in support of the State of Palestine and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Condemning the repeated Israeli aggressions against the Palestinian people and the occupation of Palestinian territories in violation of international legitimacy resolutions and internationally-signed and recognized agreements and demanding the cessation of all forms of aggression and infringement on Muslim and Christian holy places, the immediate lifting of financial siege imposed on the Palestinian National Authority, and the immediate withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces from all the Palestinian territories and also demanding the cessation of assaults against the Palestinian people, and reversion on

persistence in erecting the separation wall on Palestinian territories despite overwhelming international opposition;

Noting the role played by the Palestinian National Authority in all cities, hamlets and camps, including East Jerusalem in order to improve the living conditions of the Palestinian people and build up national economy;

1. Appeals to the Quartet to send a peace-keeping force to secure the implementation of the Road-Map plan.
2. Notes, with deep appreciation, the assistance provided by some Member States and OIC relevant institutions.
3. Commends efforts made by the Palestinian National Authority in Palestinian territories and camps to reconstruct what had been destroyed by the Israeli occupation as well as Palestinian steadfastness in the face of the Israeli aggression and urges Member States and other relevant parties to exert further efforts and provide greater assistance to build up, develop and strengthen national economy.
4. Expresses deep appreciation for the assistance provided by some Member States to the Palestinian people to build up their national economy and urges Member States and relevant OIC bodies to provide, as early as possible, the required and approved assistance to enable the Palestinian National Authority and the Palestinian people to build up national economy and consolidate national institutions the infrastructure of which had been totally destroyed by the Israeli occupying forces.
5. Reaffirms previous resolutions on providing all forms of support and assistance; economic, technical, material and moral, to the Palestinian people and the Palestinian National Authority, recommending preference in import to duty-free Palestinian products.
6. Urges businessmen and investors of Member States to contribute to the implementation of economic, industrial, agricultural and housing projects in the Palestinian territory, with a view to building up national economy and enabling the Palestinian National Authority and national institutions to implement their development programmes for the coming period in the various economic, social and health fields.
7. Appeals to Member States to secure employment opportunities in connection with the Palestinian labor force, given the harsh living conditions imposed by the Israeli

occupation forces, with the eventual aim of enhancing the socio-economic status of the Palestinian people and curbing unemployment.

8. Urges the Member States to conclude bilateral agreements with the Palestine Liberation Organization and its National Authority covering economic, commercial and social areas, with a view to enhancing the socio-economic status of the Palestinian people.

9. Urges all OIC Member States and affiliated institutions to provide urgent assistance to build up a strong and independent Palestinian national economy.

10. Requests the OIC Secretary General to pursue his efforts aimed at implementing the previous resolutions adopted in support of the State of Palestine and to submit a progress report thereon to the next COMCEC Session.

#### B. Economic Assistance to Lebanon

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Recalling the Israeli aggression on Lebanon in the summer of 2006, its consequent damage and losses of life and property, and its repercussions for the political and economic conditions in Lebanon;

Appreciating efforts exerted by the Government of Lebanon in order to achieve security and stability, rein in its sovereignty, pursuant to resolution No.1701(2006) of the UN Security Council, over its territories, finalize the reconstruction process, and cater to the needs of Lebanese citizens in Israeli-hit regions;

Taking into account the difficulties faced by the Lebanese residents in the Israeli-hit regions;

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Member States which promptly provided emergency assistance to Lebanon during the Israeli aggression and welcomes the willingness of these countries to continue to provide relief assistance to the victims of the aggression, carry out reconstruction processes as well as support and develop the Lebanese economy.

2. Expresses also its appreciation to the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and its Subsidiary Organs for promptly providing their assistance

to Lebanon in the areas of relief of victims and reconstruction, and Welcomes the Putrajaya Declaration on the Situation in Lebanon, which was adopted on 3/8/2006 by the Special Meeting of the OIC Expanded Executive Meeting at the Ministerial level.

3. Hails the International Conference in Support of Lebanon (Paris III) held on 25 January 2007, which was graciously hosted by the French Government; with its positive results significantly featuring in the paper on economic and social reform and development programme submitted by the Lebanese Government to modernize and develop the Lebanese economy, strengthen sustainable development growth rates, and improve the living conditions of all the Lebanese people; and expresses its appreciation to the support pledged for Lebanon by the OIC Member States and special funds during the Conference (Paris III).

4. Condemns the deliberate Israeli assaults on public facilities and infrastructure in Lebanon and holds Israel fully responsible for this aggression and its consequences, as well as for compensating the Republic of Lebanon and Lebanese citizens for the heavy losses incurred in respect of the Lebanese economy; Condemns also the unrelenting Israeli refusal to withdraw from parts of the Lebanese territories, including the Shebaa farms, behind the internationally-recognized Lebanese borders.

5. Condemns also Israel's refusal to hand over the maps of landmines it planted in the different agricultural and vital areas South of Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley as well as its refusal to hand over the maps of cluster bombs it dropped during its aggression in the summer of 2006, which constitutes a major threat to the life of citizens and prevent them from going on with their daily lives; also condemns Israel for its continued detention of Lebanese people in its prisons.

6. Reiterates previous resolutions on the need to provide all forms of financial, material, and humanitarian assistance to Lebanon in order to meet its economic, technical, and training needs; and Renews its call on the OIC Member States and all international and regional organizations to undertake urgent and effective initiatives for the reconstruction of Lebanon in the aftermath of the devastation wreaked by the Israeli occupation.

7. Encourages Member States to consider ways and means for trade facilitation in favor of Lebanese products.

8. Requests the Secretary-General to follow up on this issue and to report to the next COMCEC Session.

C. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Albania

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS)), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

1. Expresses its strong support to the people of Albania suffering major economic difficulties at the present phase of their transition towards a market economy.
2. Urges OIC Member States, Islamic Institutions and International Organizations to grant generous economic assistance to Albania so that the Government of Albania may successfully implement its development programme.
3. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on this matter and report to the next COMCEC Session.

D. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS)), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Considering particularly the decision to establish a Special Fund to assist in the reconstruction efforts of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire;

Considering also the role played by the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, within the framework of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to establish peace and security in some member countries, and economic stability in the sub-region;

1. Expresses its support and solidarity to the people and government of Cote d'Ivoire;
2. Requests the OIC Secretary General to take appropriate measures required to urgently establish the Special Fund to bring about disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of ex-combatants in the socio-economic fabric as well as enhance post-reconstruction efforts in Cote d'Ivoire;
3. Appeals to the Member States and the international community to provide the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire with substantial financial and economic support to enable it to redress current difficulties faced by the country;

4. Requests the OIC Secretary General to establish as soon as possible the Contact Group on Cote d'Ivoire;
5. Requests the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the matter and to report to the following COMCEC meeting.

#### E. Economic Measures in Support of Uganda

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Aware that the Government of the Republic of Uganda is currently experiencing serious strain on its meager resources as a result of the fleeing of refugees from neighboring countries into the country; and recognizing that Uganda is offering asylum to large numbers of refugees with likelihood to increment if the state of unrest continues to hold; and also assisting in the alleviation of the suffering of the internally displaced persons in response to the joint appeal by the World Food Programme and the Government of Uganda. Recognizing the efforts of the Government of Uganda to help resettle internally displaced persons and step up the reconstruction and development of Northern Uganda,

1. Invites Member States, Islamic institutions and international organizations to extend emergency financial and economic assistance to Uganda so that it may cope with the refugee problem and its consequences.
2. Further invites Member States to support the Government of Uganda in implementing the Priority Rehabilitation and Development Programme of Northern Uganda as well as other economic and cultural programmes.
3. Expresses deep appreciation for the assistance extended by some Member States and relevant OIC institutions.
4. Requests the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the matter and to report to the following COMCEC meeting.

#### F. Economic Measures in Support of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Taking into account that Afghanistan is still facing serious constraints due to more than two decades of war and its aftermath consequences which resulted in the demolition of its economic, social and physical infrastructure;

Taking also into account the participation of the Member States and the Secretary General of the OIC in the Donors Conference held on 21-22 January 2002 in Tokyo; and in March 2004 in Berlin; 31 January - 1 February 2006 in London and finally on June 12, 2008 in Paris.

Expressing its appreciation for the progress made by the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan as regards the implementation of the strategy and guidelines laid down by the Donors Conferences held in Tokyo 2002, Berlin 2004, London 2006 and Paris 2008;

Highly appreciating the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference for his valuable efforts in the development of political, economic and social sectors in Afghanistan, particularly his initiative to hold the OIC Organs' Assistance Conference for the Reconstruction of Afghanistan in Jeddah;

Noting that about 70% to 80% of its economic, social and physical infrastructures had been destroyed during the two decades of war, thus encouraging the OIC Member States to actively participate in the reconstruction of Afghanistan;

Bearing in mind the importance of voluntary and sustainable repatriation and reintegration of Afghan refugees and displaced people in their homeland and place of origin while facing lack of needed food, housing, health care and education;

Recognizing that about 10 million mines were planted in different parts of the country, still taking away the lives of thousands of people annually, and disabling many others;

Taking cognizance of the OIC Trust Fund for the assistance of the people of Afghanistan, and the importance of the continuation of its activities;

Noting also that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan still needs to be lent critical international support and assistance in efforts slated to stabilization and reconstruction of the war-ravaged country;

Keeping in mind the 17th meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM) of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) which was held in Herat, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, on 20 October 2007, aimed at enhancing economic and trade cooperation among the ECO member countries and to achieve sustainable economic growth;

Recalling the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board (JCMB) Meeting, which was held on 5-6 February 2008, in Tokyo, Japan, to reassess the achievements made in the area of service delivery and the fulfillment of the commitment relating to the reconstruction of Afghanistan;

Realizing the record drought affecting more than 40% of population and 30% animals hosting about 2.000 human life and more than one million animals.

1. Calls for a first-hand international effort to render humanitarian assistance to the Afghan people stipulated in the recent appeal by the Government of Afghanistan and presented by UNAMA (UN Assistance mission in Afghanistan);
2. Urges the Member States who have pledged to contribute to the OIC Trust Fund for the assistance of the people of Afghanistan to fulfill their commitment and further urges all other Member States to donate to this Fund so as to enhance its capacity and ensure the continuation of its activities;
3. Expresses support to the outcome of the Paris Donors Conference held on 12 June, 2008, to examine donor coordination since 2002, and discuss concrete proposals for better coordination and best practices in support of the implementation of the Afghanistan Compact of the Afghanistan National Development Strategy under the ownership of the people of Afghanistan;
4. Urges the OIC Trust Fund for the Assistance of the People of Afghanistan to expeditiously honor its commitment to the people of Afghanistan.
5. Urges Member States, Islamic institutions and international organizations to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan effected by record drought and to the internally displaced Afghans as well as to the Afghan refugees in neighboring countries, particularly the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran to ensure their voluntary and sustainable repatriation, reintegration and resettlement in their homeland.



6. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on this matter and to report to the next COMCEC Session.

#### G. Economic Measures in Support of the Republic of Somalia

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Deeply concerned over the critical situation in Somalia and expressing the desire for early restoration of peace and order in that sister Member country;

Concerned over the adverse economic effects of the serious drought sustained by the Republic of Somalia;

1. Urges OIC Member States to provide material and other assistance on emergency basis to Somalia to bring human sufferings in this Muslim country to an end.
2. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on this matter and to report to the next COMCEC Session.

#### H. Economic Assistance to the Kyrgyz Republic

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Expressing its understanding of the situation in the Kyrgyz Republic upon attainment of independence and sovereignty and taking into consideration the economic difficulties accompanying the transitional period to free market economy;

1. Expresses deep appreciation for the assistance extended by some Member States and OIC relevant bodies.
2. Appeals to all Member States and Islamic financial institutions to contribute generously to the process of overcoming economic difficulties being experienced by the Kyrgyz Republic, either bilaterally or through multilateral and regional organizations to enable the Kyrgyz Republic to implement its economic programme.
3. Also appeals to the Islamic Development Bank to increase its financial and technical assistance to the Kyrgyz Republic.

4. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on this matter and report to the next COMCEC Session.

I. Economic Measures in Support of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC expressing support and assistance to the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Confirming full solidarity of the Member States of the OIC with the Government and people of Azerbaijan at this crucial juncture of the country's history;

Referring to the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions on this conflict;

1. Deplores the Armenia-backed hostile separatists' movement in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan, followed by aggression and occupation by Armenia of about 20 percent of Azerbaijani territories and resulting in the violent displacement of almost one million Azerbaijani people which, as such, accounts for the appalling concept of ethnic cleansing;

2. Conscious of the fact that economic damage inflicted upon Azerbaijan in its currently Armenian-occupied territories exceeds US\$ 60 billion;

3. Welcomes and appreciates the assistance extended by some Member States and OIC relevant bodies, United Nations institutions and international organizations;

4. Appeals to the Member States, International Community and Islamic Institutions to make available to the Government of Azerbaijan the requisite economic and humanitarian assistance with a view to appease the sufferings of the Azerbaijani people.

5. Calls upon international organizations to continue to grant humanitarian and financial assistance to Azerbaijan.

6. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on the matter and to report to the next COMCEC Session.

J. Economic Measures in Support of Bosnia-Herzegovina

Guided by the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference emphasizing common goals and destiny of the Muslim peoples and their commitment to the consolidation of international peace and security;

Recalling previous resolutions adopted by the OIC in expression of its Members' full solidarity with the Government and people of Bosnia-Herzegovina;

Also taking into account the resolutions adopted by the Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina that were held in Istanbul and Jeddah and followed by the Special Ministerial Meeting held in Islamabad as well as the 21st through 35th Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers, the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

1. Appeals to Member States, Islamic institutions and other donors to make generous donations to enable full implementation of the IDB programme aimed at providing humanitarian assistance to the Government and people of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the reconstruction of the country and working for the preservation of the Islamic identity of the Muslim inhabitants of Bosnia and Herzegovina to enjoy freedom and prosperity in multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society with other ethnic groups.

2. Urges the International Community to take effective measures to ensure rehabilitation and reconstruction of Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as humanitarian assistance for the repatriation of refugees and displaced people to the credit of OIC Trust Fund for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

3. Requests the OIC Member States to direct the biggest part of their assistance designated for reconstruction of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the regions of refugees.

4. Commends the building of houses for and lending of support to farmers under the Bosnia Reconstruction Fund and thanks the States that have contributed to the Fund namely, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Malaysia.

5. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on this matter and to report to the next COMCEC Session.

#### K. Assistance to the Republic of Guinea

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Considering the role played by the Republic of Guinea, within the framework of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, to establish peace and ensure stability in some Member States, victims of armed conflicts;

Considering that the presence of a large number of refugees fleeing from Liberia, Sierra Leone and Cote d'Ivoire places an unbearable burden on the economy of the Republic of Guinea;

Considering the need for the Republic of Guinea to reconstruct its country and ensure the survival of the refugees and their return to their respective countries;

1. Calls urgently on the international community and Member States to provide substantial financial and material assistance to the Republic of Guinea, enabling it to address a situation created by the aggressions that served to victimize it as well as due to the presence on its territory of hundreds of thousands of refugees, mostly Muslims.

2. Appeals to the Islamic Development Bank to increment its assistance to the Republic of Guinea so that it may put in place the social infrastructure needed for the displaced population and the refugees and curb the deterioration of the environment largely attributed to the refugee influx.

3. Appeals to the international community and the Member States to provide substantial economic and financial support to the programme of reconstruction of refugees' countries of origin to ensure their effective repatriation.

4. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on the matter and to report to the following COMCEC Session.

#### L. Assistance to the Republic of Sierra Leone

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Expressing appreciation for the sustained concern and interest of the leaders of the West African Sub-region, for peace to prevail in the Republic of Sierra Leone;

Expressing appreciation for the assistance rendered by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of Kuwait, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Arab Republic of Egypt and other friendly nations in the form of donations of foodstuffs clothes and medicines for the refugees and displaced persons of Sierra Leone;

Considering that the armed conflict in Sierra Leone caused considerable damage to life and property and for several years disrupted all economic activities particularly in the mining, agriculture and industrial sectors, resulting in substantial loss of revenues as far as the Government and the private sector were concerned;

1. Appeals to the Member States and the international community to urgently extend substantial financial and material assistance to the Republic of Sierra Leone so as to enable its people to undertake the much needed process of rehabilitation, reconstruction and resettlement of returnees and displaced inhabitants amounting to about 1.5 million.
2. Urges the OIC Trust Fund for Sierra Leone to continue to facilitate the flow of badly needed financial assistance to Sierra Leone in order to expedite its post-conflict recovery.
3. Requests the Secretary-General to use his good offices to accelerate the process of approving projects already identified for Sierra Leone.
4. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on this matter and report to the next COMCEC Session.

**M. Economic Assistance to the People of Jammu and Kashmir**

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS)), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) particularly Resolution 23/30-E of the Thirtieth Session of the ICFM and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Expressing deep sympathy for the victims, their families and people of Jammu and Kashmir who suffered massive losses of life alongside socio-economic and environmental damage from the wide-sweeping earthquake that struck South Asia on 8 October 2005;

Expressing gratitude for the assistance, contributions and pledges of the international community, particularly the Member States for relief and rehabilitation efforts in favor of the earthquake victims, which reflected the spirit of Islamic solidarity and cooperation to meet the challenges of unprecedented natural disasters;

Expressing deep appreciation for the assistance extended to the Kashmiris by some Member States and relevant OIC bodies;

1. Calls for expeditiously implementing the recommendations contained in the report of OIC Secretary General's Special Representative for Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the establishment of a Special Trust Fund for the assistance of Kashmiris and focus on higher

education needs of the Kashmiri youth by offering scholarships to the Kashmiri youth in professional colleges as well as vocational training and job-generating opportunities.

2. Appeals to Member States and Islamic Institutions, such as the Islamic Solidarity Fund, Islamic Development Bank and Charitable Institutions, to grant generous humanitarian assistance to the Kashmiri people whose plight has been aggravated by the devastating earthquake of October 2005.

3. Encourages the international community, particularly donor countries, international financial institutions and relevant international organizations affiliated with the Islamic world to continue to provide necessary funds and assistance in support of rehabilitation and reconstruction work in progress in the affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

4. Appeals to Member States to contribute, where possible, to the rehabilitation of afflicted people sustaining the earthquake disaster in order to facilitate economic and social well being, given the extensive damage or destruction of most of the means of living.

5. Also appeals to Member States and the Islamic Institutions to grant scholarships to the Kashmiri students in different universities and institutions in the OIC countries.

6. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on this matter and report to the next COMCEC Session.

#### N. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Yemen

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Taking into consideration the economic difficulties faced by the Republic of Yemen and the losses incurred in the tourism sector in the aftermath of the New York events of September 11, 2001.

Appreciating efforts made and successes achieved by the Government of the Republic of Yemen towards implementing the Economic Reform Policy and the Fight-Against- Poverty Programme;

Taking into consideration the heavy burden borne by the Yemeni Government to provide shelter for groups of refugees from neighbouring African countries;

Recalling that Yemen is one of the least developed countries:

1. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the Yemeni Government in dealing with its economic difficulties and proceeding with the implementation of the Comprehensive Programme of Administrative and Financial Reform and the Fight-Against-Poverty Programme;
2. Reiterates its call to the Member States as well as other international and regional organizations to provide all forms of economic assistance to the Yemeni Government to support its efforts in implementing administrative and financial reform programmes with a view to easing the encumbering burden of hosting refugees from poor neighbouring states; Thanks donor states that fulfilled their pledges to the Republic of Yemen that were made at the Donors' Conference in London, primarily the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Cooperation Council States.
3. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on this matter and report to the next COMCEC Session.

#### O. Economic Assistance to Tajikistan

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Taking into account the objectives and principles of the OIC Charter as well as members' commitment to consolidate international peace and security;

Deeply concerned over the critical situation in Tajikistan in the aftermath of 5 years of bloody civil war that resulted in deaths, injuries and spread of infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and diarrhea, to say the least of the displacement of thousands of people and the destruction of its economic and social infrastructure;

Noting the return of about 200 thousands Tajik refugees to their homeland thus drawing the need for substantial financial and technical support;

1. Appeals to all members and Islamic financial institutions to pool their generous contributions to the interest of redressing economic difficulties experienced by Tajikistan either on bilateral basis or through multilateral and regional organizations so as to enable Tajikistan to implement its rehabilitation programmes.

2. Urges the Islamic Development Bank to increase its financial and technical assistance to Tajikistan.

3. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on this matter and report to the next COMCEC Session.

P. Economic Assistance to Guinea Bissau

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Noting the political and military situation that Guinea Bissau has been living since June 7, 1998 to date and its consequences on economic activities of the country, namely loss of agricultural and export products, mass displacement of population and devastation of the basic socio-economic infrastructure, such as schools, dispensaries, hospitals, markets, residential areas, the system of production and distribution of electric and water energy, etc;

1. Urges Member States and the International Community to channel expedient aid to Guinea Bissau to help it facilitate the reintegration of its people in active life.

2. Appeals to Member States and to OIC institutions to participate in the rehabilitation and economic revival programme of Guinea Bissau.

3. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on this matter and report to the next COMCEC Session.

Q. Economic Assistance to Countries Affected by Drought and Natural Disasters

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Noting with concern the grave situation engendered by drought and natural disasters, and their scathing effects on economic and social conditions especially as regards agricultural, economic and social infrastructure, as well as public services and utilities;



Noting with satisfaction efforts made by some Member States and the Islamic Development Bank which had extended and still extends technical and financial assistance as well as aid to Member States stricken by drought and natural disasters;

Fully aware that afflicted Member States, most of them belonging to the category of the Least Developed Countries, cannot by themselves, bear the exorbitant cost of anti-drought and anti-desertification campaigns and the implementation of major related projects;

1. Expresses its gratitude to Member States, which provided and are still providing assistance and food aid to the Member States affected by drought and natural disasters.
2. Expresses also its gratitude to IDB for its continued assistance to Member States afflicted by drought and natural disasters and encourages the Bank to keep up its assistance to this end.
3. Appeals to the international community also to extend assistance to Member States plagued by drought and natural disasters.
4. Calls upon the Member States and OIC Institutions to extend emergency assistance to OIC countries, members of the Inter-governmental Authority for Development and the Campaign Against Drought (IGAAD) and the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) to enable them to deal with the perilous situation that has long been threatening them.
5. Notes with appreciation the Meeting of Donor Countries and National and Regional Financial Institutions at the IDB Headquarters in June, 1998 to consider appropriate mechanisms for financing the new programmes.
6. Welcomes the contribution of 30 million US\$ by the State of Kuwait in the form of soft development loans as well as the 20 million US\$ contributed by the Islamic Development Bank for the new programme.
7. Also notes with appreciation that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has embarked on the implementation of its new programme for drought and desertification control in the Sahel African States.
8. Also expresses its appreciation to the Great People's Socialist Libyan Jamahiriya for the support and assistance it provides to Islamic States to help improve their infrastructure, mollify the ills of abject poverty, drought and natural disasters and

ameliorate health, social and cultural conditions through donations, soft loans and in-kind assistance.

9 Requests the Secretary General to follow up on this matter and report to the next COMCEC Session.

R. Assistance to Sahel African States Afflicted by Desertification, Drought and  
Locust Invasion

Having been cognizant of resolution (27/7-IS) of the 7th Islamic Summit on Islamic Solidarity with the Peoples of the Sahel;

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Noting with concern the difficult situation of the Sahel Member States affected by drought;

Expressing its appreciation to the OIC Member States that have contributed to the financing of the first programme of assistance to the Sahel Member States;

Having also taken note of the special emergency aid programme of US\$50 million which was initiated by the Islamic Development Bank for the sake of the Sahel Member States;

Recalling the Resolution of the 6th Islamic Summit Conference deciding to establish a special OIC/IDB/CILSS Programme for Sahel;

Expressing appreciation for the mission undertaken by the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to visit drought-affected African countries namely Chad, Burkina Faso, Mali, Gambia, Senegal and Niger during 24-31 March, 2005;

Expresses its appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its continuous support to the Sahel African Member States affected by drought;

1. Calls for the effective implementation of the OIC/IDB/CILSS Programme for the Sahel.
2. Urges Member States that could do so but have not yet contributed to this programme and also have not initiated a separate programme, to contribute to the financing of the Programme.
3. Reaffirms solidarity of the Islamic Ummah with the peoples of the Sahel.

4. Urges Member States to announce their contributions to the new programme to the interest of the Sahel African States.

5. Requests the OIC General Secretariat to follow up on this matter and report to the next COMCEC Session.

#### S. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Mozambique

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Appreciating efforts intended by the Government of Mozambique for the implementation of poverty eradication and economic development programs.

Regrets the recent natural disasters in Mozambique;

1. Appeals to the Islamic Development Bank, all Islamic Institutions and the International community in general to continue extending their assistance to help energize the socio-economic development of Mozambique.

2. Urges developed countries to write off the external debt of Mozambique in the light of its current effort in the area of poverty eradication.

3. Calls upon all Member States to keep up their support to the implementation of the reconstruction programme of Mozambique.

4. Expresses deep appreciation for the assistance extended by some Member States and relevant OIC institutions.

5. Urges the international community to render assistance for the purpose of setting up national, sub-regional, regional and international disaster prevention, preparedness and management mechanisms, including early warning systems.

6. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and report to the next Session of the COMCEC.

#### T. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Sudan

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conference, the Foreign Ministers meetings in earlier sessions of COMCEC, and the 23rd Session of COMCEC, on the support of Sudan;

1. Expresses deep concern over the sufferings of the Sudan as inflicted by the impacts of the devastating war imposed on it, the influx of refugees and the displaced as a corollary of disputes, natural disasters, drought, desertification and floods;
2. Appraises the positive developments that took place in the Republic of Sudan, that were favorably conducive to the conclusion of the Comprehensive Peace Accord in January 2005. Welcomes the formation of the national unity government and the signing of the Abuja Peace Agreement in Darfur and appeals to the rest of the factions which have not done so, to speedily accede to the Peace Agreement. Also welcomes the conclusion of the Asmara Accord to bring to an end the problem of East Sudan, as well as the holding of the Meeting of the Forum of Sudan's People for the Resolution of Darfur. Also welcomes the Qatari Initiative on Darfur. Asserts extending its assistance to Sudan to help it build peace and development for the sake of its unity and stability.
3. Lauds the positive response by the Islamic Development Bank to the Emergency Assistance Programme, already initiated, and calls upon the other states and institutions to extend emergency assistance to support the programme with a view to obliterating the traces of war, drought, desertification and natural disasters and redressing their implications on infrastructure and social and economic structures;
4. Requests the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on this matter and report to the next COMCEC Session.

#### U. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Chad

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Considers the broad-based presence of refugees on Chadian territories on the one hand, and the continued situation of the displaced Chadian population who are living under drastically deplorable conditions on the other hand;

Takes note of the principles and objectives of the OIC Charter and the commitment of the member states to the strengthening of international peace and security.

1. Invites Member States, Islamic institutions and the international organizations to extend emergency financial and economic assistance to Chad to help it address the multi-sided problem of refugees and the displaced living on its territory and implement its socio-economic programs.

2. Appeals to Member States, Islamic institutions and humanitarian organizations to provide the necessary assistance to the population of East Chad.

3. Requests that the Secretary General attend to the implementation of this Resolution and report to the next COMCEC Session.

#### V. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Djibouti

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS)), the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E) and the 23rd Session of the COMCEC;

Deeply concerned over recent floods in Djibouti that led to gross livestock losses and caused serious damage to roads and health facilities, thus triggering cholera and malaria epidemics;

1. Appeals to the Member States to provide substantial financial and material support to the Republic of Djibouti for the consolidation of peace, the reconstruction of the country and the implementation of its structural adjustment programme.

2. Calls on the Member States to assist the Republic of Djibouti in its struggle against disastrous consequences of the recent drought at the social and economic levels.

3. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and report to the next Session of the COMCEC.

#### X. Economic Assistance to The Republic Of Togo:

Recalling relevant resolutions of the 11th Session of Islamic Summit Conference (resolution 2/11-E(IS)) and the 35th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) (resolution 3/35-E).

Considering the socio-economic difficulties encountering the Togolese Republic on account of minuscule contributions of its traditional partners who have actually suspended their assistance from 1992 to 2007;

Taking note of the magnitude of ruined infrastructure like roads, bridges, electric and hydraulic networks, as well as basic public services such as schools and hospitals as a result of the devastating floods which have swept the northern and southeastern parts of the country in recent months;

Appreciating the efforts made by the Government of the Togolese Republic and the success achieved in the implementation of the political economic reform policy and the programme on the fight against poverty;

Recalling also that Togo is listed among the least developed countries;

1. Expresses its total solidarity with Togo versus major challenges it will have to address.
2. Expresses also its appreciation of the assistance extended by some Member States and relevant bodies of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.
3. Recognizes efforts made by the Government of the Togolese Republic to deal successfully with its economic difficulties and implement its comprehensive political, economic, and financial reform program.
4. Recognizes also the need for economic and humanitarian assistance to alleviate the impacts of the floods which have devastated the northern and southeastern parts of the country.
5. Calls on all the Islamic Member States and institutions, in particular the Islamic Development Bank, through the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development, to extend economic and financial assistance to the Togolese Republic.
6. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report to the next Session of the COMCEC.

#### Y. Economic Measures for the Republic of Iraq

Recalling the relevant resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conference and the Foreign Ministers meetings and in earlier sessions on the support of Iraq;

Welcoming the OIC Member states to do their best in support and assistance of Iraq, with the aim of achieving development in Iraq, solving its economic problems and redressing structural distortions in its economy.

Noting the essential fact that Iraq must lead a decent life, economically and at the security level, and exceed implications of war and economic blockade Iraq had experienced for reasons beyond its will;

1. Calls on Islamic states and organizations to contribute to the reconstruction of Iraq through the following:
  - a) Calling upon Islamic financial institutions, and Islamic organizations to support the economic process through financing developmental programs and projects and extending technical and technological support to Iraqi economic sectors for their rehabilitation;
  - b) Inviting Member States and through competent ministers to effectively contribute to the rehabilitation of the sectors of electricity, higher education, health and environment, and in coordination with ministries concerned;
  - c) Calling upon the private sectors in Islamic countries to contribute effectively to increased investments especially in the area of reconstruction;
2. Requests the Secretary General to follow up on this matter and report to the next COMCEC Session.