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RESOLUTION № IOFS/2023/6GA-1 ON

NOTE OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF MEMBER STATES AND THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION FOR FOOD SECURITY

The Sixth General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held in Doha, State of Qatar, on 2-3 October 2023/17-18 Rabi Al-Awwal, 1445H

Taking into consideration the gracious decision of the State of Qatar to host the Sixth Session of the General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security,

Cognizant of the elaborate arrangements made for the success of the General Assembly,

- 1. Expresses deepest appreciation and gratitude to His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar for extraordinary hospitality efforts and all facilities provided to host the Sixth General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security in the best conditions.
- 2. **Highly appreciates** the commitment of the State of Qatar of providing the amount of seven million Riyal (two million US Dollars), in collaboration with Qatar Development Fund in order to implement the IOFS projects within the "IOFS Strategic Vision 2031", in consultation with the Executive Board.

RESOLUTION № 10FS/2023/6GA-2 ON ELECTION OF THE BUREAU OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION FOR FOOD SECURITY

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Pursuant to Article 10 (2a) of the IOFS Statute, hereby:

- 1. **Elects** the State of Qatar as the Chairman of the General Assembly;
- 2. **Also elects** the following countries as the Vice-Chairmen of the General Assembly:
 - 2.1. State of Palestine (Vice-Chairman);
 - 2.2. People's Republic of Bangladesh (Vice-Chairman);
 - 2.3. Republic of The Gambia (Vice-Chairman);
 - 2.4. Republic of Tunisia (Rapporteur).

RESOLUTION № 10FS/2023/6GA-3 ON MEMBERSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS

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Emphasizing the Resolutions # 1/48-E and # 6/48-E of the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan on 22-23 March 2022,

Appreciating the OIC Member States and institutions for collaboration in implementing the various programmes of IOFS geared towards scaling up intra-OIC action for increased food security, productivity, and resilience in the OIC Member States,

- 1. **Expresses gratitude** to the Republic of Gabon, the Republic of Iraq, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Republic of Yemen for signing the IOFS Statute;
- 2. **Invites** OIC Member States, which have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the Statute of IOFS;
- 3. **Notes with satisfaction** the conducted work upon collaboration between the relevant institutions of the Member States and the OIC institutions in the domain of food security and approves Memorandums of Understanding earlier concluded with various institutions.

RESOLUTION NO. IOFS/2023/6GA-4 ON FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE MATTERS

The Sixth General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held in Doha, State of Qatar, on 2-3 October 2023/17-18 Rabi Al-Awwal, 1445H

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the IOFS Statute and Financial Regulations,

Commending the mandatory contributions received from the esteemed Republic of Kazakhstan, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the State of Qatar and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabi.

Appreciating the well-done job of the Financial Control Committee made up of representatives from the Republic of Kazakhstan, the United Arab Emirates and the People's Republic of Bangladesh,

Highly appreciates the performed transfers of mandatory contributions of the esteemed IOFS Member States mentioned above in the preamble to the budget of IOFS.

Also highly appreciate the generous voluntary contribution of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through its financial support, which aims to facilitate the institutional development of the IOFS:

- 1. **Approves** the financial situation upon the budget and the closing accounts including:
 - a. Financial Control Committee Report 2022
 - b. Financial Statements Report for 2022
 - c. Budget for 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026
 - d. Revised Annex I and II of Personnel Regulations regarding the salary scales
- 2. Calls all Member States to consider supporting IOFS by allocating considerable amount of their voluntary contributions given for the purpose of the food security to international organizations, in order to provide the Organization with enough financial resources to implement relevant projects for enhancing food security and agricultural development in OIC Member States;
- 3. **Approves** the decision of the 11th Executive Board Meeting appointment of the members of the Financial Control Committee for a period of three-year.
- 4. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Financial Control Committee members made up of representatives from the following esteemed member states:
 - a. Federal Republic of Nigeria
 - b. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 - c. Republic of Tajikistan
- 5. **Encourages** mentioned Members States to appoint their representatives and convene the meeting of the Financial Control Committee in the first quarter of 2024.
- 6. **Emphasizes** the importance of Member States fulfilling their responsibility by making timely and consistent payments of their annual mandatory contributions and urges Member States to promptly address any outstanding arrears and take necessary actions for their settlement.
- 7. **Requests** the Director General to follow up the implementation of the present Resolution and report to the next session of the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. IOFS/2023/6GA-5 ON THE GLOBAL MANDATES OF IOFS

The Sixth General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held in Doha, State of Qatar, on 2-3 October 2023/17-18 Rabi Al-Awwal, 1445H

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Statute of the Islamic Organization for Food Security,

Recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13 Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 14 - 15 April 2016, particularly the role of OIC institutions working in the economic domain towards attaining the goals of the Program in the economic domain,

Reaffirming the Resolution on Activities of the OIC Institutions Working in the Economic Domain adopted by the 49^{th} Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16-17 March 2023,

Also reaffirming the Resolutions of the 4^{th} IOFS General Assembly held on 8-9 September 2021, under the chairmanship of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the adoption of "IOFS Strategic Vision 2031",

Also recalling the relevant Resolutions of the 5th IOFS General Assembly held on 10th-11th October 2022, under the chairmanship of the Republic of Tunisia, on various programmes of IOFS,

Also reaffirming the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), especially those adopted by the 38th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 26th – 29th November, 2022;

Taking note of the need to ensure food security in OIC Member States, and stressing the importance of enhancing the activities of the IOFS through development of new projects as well as practical implementation of the already approved programs,

Having considered the Report of the Director General and the Report of the 11th Executive Board of IOFS:

- 1. **Calls upon** the Member States to generously contribute to the Afghanistan Food Security Programme (AFSP), launched at the 17th Extraordinary Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held on 19th December 2021, in Islamabad, Pakistan, with a view to mitigating the sufferings of the people of Afghanistan, who are facing acute food shortage;
- 2. **Expresses** its profound gratitude to the Government and the people of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan for support and efforts in implementing the AFSP, particularly the delivery of wheat flour under the immediate response projects;
- 3. **Commends** the decision to rename its activities therein as Africa Food Security Initiative (AFSI) by the 49th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 17 March 2023;
- 4. **Requests** the Member States and relevant OIC institutions to support its projects and programs;
- 5. **Requests** the Director General to follow up the implementation of the present Resolution and report to the next session of the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. IOFS/2023/6GA-6 ON THE SYSTEMIC REPORT ON PROGRAMS OF IOFS

The Sixth General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held in Doha, State of Qatar, on 2-3 October 2023/17-18 Rabi Al-Awwal, 1445H

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Statute of the Islamic Organization for Food Security,

Reaffirming the Resolution on Activities of the OIC Institutions Working in the Economic Domain adopted by the 49^{th} Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 - 17 March 2023,

Recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13 Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 14 - 15 April 2016, particularly the role of OIC institutions working in the economic domain towards attaining the goals of the Program in the economic domain.

Also reaffirming the Resolutions of the 4^{th} IOFS General Assembly held on 8-9 September 2021, under the chairmanship of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the adoption of "IOFS Strategic Vision 2031",

Also recalling the relevant Resolutions of the 5th IOFS General Assembly held on 10th-11th October 2022, under the chairmanship of the Republic of Tunisia,

Having considered the Report of the Director General and the Report of the 11th Executive Board of IOFS:

- Calls on Member States to implement the strategic programs of IOFS geared towards scaling up intra-OIC action for increased food security, productivity and resilience in OIC Member States;
- 2. **Affirms** the Annual 2022 Report and Program Execution Report (PER) reports on implementation of IOFS strategic projects and programs;
- 3. **Requests** the Member States and relevant OIC institutions to support its projects and programs;
- 4. **Requests** the Director General to follow up the implementation of the present Resolution and report to the next session of the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. IOFS/2023/6GA-7 ON ESTABLISHMENT OF "IOFS FUND"

The Sixth General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held in Doha, State of Qatar, on 2-3 October 2023/17-18 Rabi Al-Awwal, 1445H

Referring to the Resolution No IOFS/GA/1-13-2019 of the 2^{nd} General Assembly and relevant provisions of the IOFS Statute on drawing up the general policy of the Organization, particularly the one related with establishing Institutions to be a subsidiary of IOFS,

Recalling the *IOFS VISION 2031 for Enabling a Sustainable OIC Food System*, adopted by the Fourth General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Astana, the Republic of Kazakhstan, on 08-09 September 2021/01-02 Safar, 1443H,

Also recalling the relevant Resolutions of the 5th IOFS General Assembly held on 10th-11th October 2022, under the chairmanship of the Republic of Tunisia, on the IOFS Fund,

Taking into account the need to increase intra-OIC economic cooperation particularly in the field of agricultural development and food security with emphasis on joint funding and structuring food supply chains among OIC Member States:

- 1. **Underscores** that the "IOFS Fund" may be an important tool for Member States to avoid different factors that destabilize the grain/food market price policy, while reducing vulnerability and dependency on volatile global food prices and agriculture by increasing OIC agri-food production system and building up intra-OIC food supply chains;
- 2. **Welcomes** the willingness of the Member States to host the 'IOFS Fund' within its jurisdiction and **requests** the Director General of IOFS to closely collaborate and arrange other details with esteemed Member States to confirm the terms of the agreement and necessary arrangements;
- 3. **Recognizes** the importance of creating the "IOFS Fund" which may strengthen partnerships with national and Islamic financial institutions of Member States;
- 4. **Encourages** Member States to generously contribute and donate to the fund, fostering the comprehensive development and strengthening of the Islamic Food System, thereby ensuring robust and resilient food security within the OIC region;
- 5. **Urges** both the Islamic Development Bank Group and other pertinent OIC Institutions to identify critical areas for collaboration and technical assistance and to generously contribute and to the newly established fund;
- 6. **Mandates** the IOFS Secretariat to convene intergovernmental expert group meetings to consider all relevant documents of the "IOFS Fund", particularly its terms of reference to define its functioning.
- 7. **Requests** the Director General monitor the implementation of this Resolution and provide a comprehensive report at the subsequent session of the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. IOFS/2023/6GA-8 ON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL ACADEMIES

The Sixth General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held in Doha, State of Qatar, on 2-3 October 2023/17-18 Rabi Al-Awwal, 1445H

Referring to the Resolution No IOFS/GA/1-13-2019 of the 2^{nd} General Assembly and relevant provisions of the IOFS Statute on drawing up the general policy of the Organization, particularly the one related with establishing Institutions to be a subsidiary of IOFS,

Recognizing the crucial role of agricultural academies in advancing scientific research, knowledge dissemination, and capacity building in the field of agriculture within the member states of the Islamic Organization for Food Security.

Emphasizing the need to strengthen collaboration, cooperation, and exchange of expertise among agricultural academies operating in Member States for the collective advancement of agricultural sciences and practices.

Acknowledging the potential of the academies in facilitating dialogue, coordination, and joint initiatives among agricultural academies, promoting innovation, and fostering sustainable agricultural development in line with the objectives of the Islamic Organization for Food Security.

Noting with appreciation the recommendations presented by the IOFS Secretariat regarding the establishment of the Association of Agricultural Academies:

- 1. **Welcomes** the proposal to establish the Association of Agricultural Academies (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") as a working platform under the auspices of the Islamic Organization for Food Security;
- 2. **Affirms** that the primary objective of the Association shall be to enhance cooperation and collaboration among agricultural academies within member states, aiming to promote sustainable agricultural development, food security, and nutrition;
- 3. **Mandates** the IOFS Secretariat to convene intergovernmental expert group meetings to consider and finalize all relevant documents of the Association, particularly its terms of reference to define its normal functioning;
- 4. **Agrees** that all necessary steps leading to the establishment of the Association shall be finalized for adoption by the 7th IOFS General Assembly in 2024;
- 5. **Requests** the Director General to follow-up the implementation of this Resolution and report to the next session of the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. IOFS/2023/6GA-9 ON DATE AND VENUE OF THE 7TH IOFS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Sixth General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held in Doha, State of Qatar, on 2-3 October 2023/17-18 Rabi Al-Awwal, 1445H

Recalling sub-clause (f) clause 2 of Article 10 of the IOFS Statute,

Noting the utmost importance of ensuring rotational and equitable geographic representation and participation of the Member States in the organs and activities of the IOFS;

Reiterating the Resolution \mathbb{N}_{2} IOFS/GA/1-16-2019 of the 2^{nd} General Assembly of IOFS, which adopted a scheme for hosting the General Assembly Meetings (ordinary sessions) on the "1 plus 2" principle as of:

- ✓ Year 1: IOFS Headquarters Hosting State
- ✓ Year 2: IOFS Member State
- ✓ Year 3: IOFS Member State:

Having considered the report of the Director General on this issue,

- 1. **Determines** city of Astana, the Republic of Kazakhstan as the venue of the 7th General Assembly;
- 2. **Reaffirms** the commitment of Kazakhstan to conduct all arrangements including technical preparations, event budgeting in coordination with the Secretariat of IOFS;
- 3. **Requests** the Director General to follow-up the implementation of this Resolution and report to the next session of the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. IOFS/2023/6GA-10 ON THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE IOFS

The Sixth General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held in Doha, State of Qatar, on 2-3 October 2023/17-18 Rabi Al-Awwal, 1445H

In accordance with Articles 10 (2e) and 15 (2) of the Statute of the Islamic Organization for Food Security,

Referring to the letter from the Republic of Kazakhstan requesting to include into Agenda of the 6th General Assembly an item on the election of the Director General,

Having examined the candidate, nominated by the Republic of Kazakhstan, for the post of the Director General,

Having considered the recommendations of Executive Board's Extraordinary Meeting dated on 18th September 2023,

Acknowledging the Executive Board Extraordinary Meeting's recommendation for the relevant issue.

- 1. **Elects Amb. Askar Mussinov** to the position of Director General of the IOFS, effective from January 1, 2024;
- 2. **Approves** the Chairman of the Executive Board to take the role of caretaker Director General from 03 October 2023 until 01 January 2024 to assure normal functioning of the Secretariat, as well as smooth implementation of all mandates by all relevant meetings for fulfilling the IOFS mission and objectives;
- 3. **Decides** that appointment of the next Director General of the IOFS will follow the model that is established in the Article 16 of OIC Charter in relation to election for the post of its Secretary General, particularly the principles of equitable geographical distribution, rotation and equal opportunity for all Member States with due consideration to competence, integrity and experience.
- 4. **Further** decides, in this context, that the next of Director General of the IOFS will be appointed among nationals of Member States, other than Kazakhstan.
- 5. **Agrees** that the post of Assistant Director General is to be elected by the Executive Board taking into account that the candidate shall be national of the hosting country (The Republic of Kazakhstan), except in the case when sharing the same nationality as the seating Director General.
- 6. **Requests** the Chairman of the Executive Board to oversee the signing of the contract of the Director General.
- 7. **Commends** the work and valuable contribution of the outgoing Director General of the IOFS, Prof. Yerlan Baidaulet.
- 8. **Requests** the Chairman of the Executive Board to follow-up the implementation of this Resolution and report to the next session of the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION NO. IOFS/2023/6GA-11 ON THE SALARY INCREMENTS OF IOFS STAFF

The Sixth General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held in Doha, State of Qatar, on 2-3 October 2023/17-18 Rabi Al-Awwal, 1445H

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Statute of the Islamic Organization for Food Security,

Taking note of the need to improve efficiency, streamline decision-making processes, and enhance overall organizational effectiveness, and stressing the importance of enhancing the activities of the IOFS through development of new projects as well as practical implementation of the already approved programs,

Emphasizing the importance of attracting and retaining highly skilled professionals and to ensure the organization's ability to attract top talent,

Acknowledging the Report of the Director General and the Report of the 11th Executive Board of IOFS that recommended a gradual improvement in the salary rate by implementing it on annual basis to reach the OIC rates,

Having considered the budget limitations and availability of the financial resources:

- 1. **Decides** to approve the revised salary grades for the year 2024, herewith attached to the Resolution and for years 2025 and 2026 upon availability of the financial recourses and considering the acceptable percentage of the budget;
- 2. **Encourages** the Director General to work closely and collaborate with the Member States to contribute towards Organization.
- 3. **Commends** the important work and valuable efforts made by the Secretariat's staff members.
- 4. **Requests** the Director General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and report to the next session of the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION № IOFS/2023/6GA-12 ON ADDENDUM TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURES OF IOFS

The Sixth General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held in Doha, State of Qatar, on 2-3 October 2023/17-18 Rabi Al-Awwal, 1445H

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Statute of the Islamic Organization for Food Security,

Taking note of the need to improve efficiency, streamline decision-making processes, and enhance overall organizational transparency and accountability,

Having considered the recommendations of Executive Board's Extraordinary Meeting dated on 18th September 2023,

Acknowledging the Executive Board Extraordinary Meeting's recommendation for the relevant issue,

- 1. **Approves** Annex A to the Rules of Procedure and mandates that all internal processes be governed in accordance with its provisions.
- 2. **Requests** the Director General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and report to the next session of the General Assembly.