



**THIRD SESSION OF THE ISLAMIC
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS
RESPONSIBLE FOR WATER**
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RESOLUTION NO. 1/3-ICWM/2016

The Islamic Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water (From Vision to Action), held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey from 17-19 May 2016 (10-12 Sha'ban 1437H);

Referring to the Water Vision adopted by the Second Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water in March 2012 that called for cooperation and exchange of experiences to catalyze action to address water related challenges in OIC member countries;

Further Referring to the OIC 2025: Programme of Action adopted by the Thirteen Islamic Summit held in Istanbul in April 2016 that called upon Member States to strengthen cooperation for the implementation of the OIC Water Vision and attainment of the goals and targets defined therein;

Recalling the resolution of the 2nd Islamic Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water (Istanbul, Turkey, 5 – 6 March 2012) that inter-alia requested the Chair of the 2nd Conference of Ministers responsible for Water to prepare draft Terms of Reference for the OIC Water Council in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and also requested Member States to designate national focal points;

Bearing in mind the contents of the Final Communiqués adopted by the successive sessions of the Islamic Summits particularly the 13th Islamic Summit held in Istanbul, Turkey on 17-19 April 2016 which underscored the need for cooperation among OIC member states on water issues;

Recalling relevant Resolutions adopted by successive sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) particularly Resolution No. 5/42–S&T on OIC Water Vision adopted by the 42nd session of CFM held in the States of Kuwait on 27-28 May 2015;

Recognizing the importance of better water management, water infrastructure and greater access to a safe, reliable and affordable supply of

water and adequate sanitation services in improving the living standards , human health and social wellbeing of the member states;

Emphasizing that water is critical for attaining sustainable social, economic and environmental development, eradication of poverty and hunger and creation of jobs opportunities in Member States;

Underscoring the significance of cooperation between Member States for the implementation of the OIC Water Vision including cooperation to ensure access to safe drinking water and sanitation;

Taking note of the World Health Organization and UNICEF report ‘Progress on Sanitation and Drinking Water: 2015 Update and MDG Assessment’;

Mindful of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015 particularly Goal No. 6 and its associated targets;

Affirming the resolve of the OIC Member states to take tangible steps to attain the water related SDGs.;

Commending the efforts made by Member States, OIC General Secretariat and the relevant OIC institutions for mobilizing efforts and implementing programs and projects within the framework of the sustainable utilization of water resources;

Appreciating the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the OIC General Secretariat for convening the 1st Meeting of National Focal Points for Water Vision in June 2015 which considered measures for implementation of the OIC Water Vision;

Acknowledging the Keynote Speech on Achievement of MDGs and Elements of SDGs in the Field of Water Resource Management by Prof. Dr. Doğan Altınbilek;

Taking note of the panel discussions on Capacity Building and Waterborne Diseases held during this session;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General, the Conference;

1. Approves the Terms of Reference of the Water Council and invites Member States, the OIC General Secretariat and relevant OIC institutions

to render necessary support to the Council in execution of its duties as outlined in the Terms of Reference.

2. Decides the composition of the Water Council as follows: Turkey, Saudi Arabia, , *(to be filled after appointing the members)* **and calls** upon the General Secretariat to convene the first meeting of the Water Council at the earliest.

3. Takes note of the outcome of the Panel Discussions on ‘Capacity Building’ and ‘Prevention of Waterborne Diseases ‘and **Calls upon** the OIC General Secretariat to coordinate with Member States (Pending completion of the Panel discussions ...)

4. Calls upon Member States to align their implementation activities on water-related issues with the Sustainable Development Goals particularly SDGs target No. 6 by expanding international cooperation and capacity-building in water and sanitation-related activities and programmes, including rain-water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, and wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies.

5. Requests Member States that have not yet designated their National Focal Points to do so to facilitate coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and other member states on water related issues under the ambit of OIC Water Vision.

6. Commends the establishment of a web portal by SESRIC on water resources to collate information from Member States on their needs and offers for cooperation and the development of a specific water resources capacity building questionnaire for this purpose and encourages the Member States to share this information with SESRIC.

7. Welcomes the launching of Water Resources Management Capacity Building Programme (Water-CaB) by SESRIC and **invites** Member States to utilize the opportunities for capacity building and human resource development available under the Water-CaB.

8. Further welcomes the establishment of a roster of environmental and water experts by SESRIC to facilitate exchange of knowledge, experiences and best practices in the domain of water among the member states.

9. Encourages the OIC institutions, international financial institutions including the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and other international partners to coordinate their efforts for assisting the OIC Member States to pursue the implementation of the Water Vision in a synergistic manner.

10. Calls upon the OIC General Secretariat and other OIC relevant institutions to help the educational and research institutes working on water-related issues in the Member states to share and enhance knowledge to carry out collaborative research activities.

11. Welcomes the offer by ...to host the 4th session of Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water in in the ,,,,,,

12. Requests the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water.