

RESOLUTION NO.5/42-ORG

ON NETWORK LINKING OF THE OIC MEMBER STATES' OMBUDSMEN OFFICES

The Forty-Second Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of joint vision to strengthen tolerance and reject terrorism), held in Kuwait, on 27-28 May, 2015 (9-10 Shaban 1436H);

Guided by the OIC Member States' firm belief, under the provisions of the OIC charter, as to the need to consolidate human rights, fundamental liberties, good governance, the rule of law, democracy and accountability in the Member States, in line with their respective constitutional and juridical regulations.

Having in mind the provisions of the Ten-Year Program of Action issued by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit (7-8 December 2005) which lays emphasizes on the need for diligent action to expand political participation, ensure equality, civil liberties and social justice, promote transparency and accountability, and combat corruption in the OIC Member States.

Also having in mind the final declaration which was issued by the Fourth Extraordinary Islamic Summit (Promotion of Islamic Solidarity) held in Makkah on 14-15 August 2012, and which stresses that reform and development must be accompanied by a healthy management of public affairs based on justice and equality among the citizens of the Islamic Ummah, due observance of laws and regulations, the necessary participation of citizens in running the Ummah's affairs, and paving the way for the emergence of civil society institutions to stimulate the reform and development in the Muslim Society,

Appreciative of the role played by the ombudsmen offices in the different OIC Member States, which provide prompt and uncostly justice for the underprivileged and less influential categories.

Appreciative of the efforts of the Turkish Republic in offering to host the second meeting for the network linking of the OIC Ombudsmen Offices,

Hailing the role of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in hosting the first meeting of the Network of Ombudsman Offices in the OIC Member States, held in Islamabad, Pakistan on 28-29 April 2014.

Welcoming the meeting of the Steering Committee of the OIC Ombudsman Association (OICCA) on 28-29 April 2015 at Islamabad to finalize by-laws for the Association.

Having taken note of the Secretary General's report submitted under document no.OIC/CFM-42/2015/ORG/SG-REP.6

1. **Stresses** the follow up of efforts to establish Networks linking Member States' Ombudsmen Offices.
2. **Welcomes** the offer by the Republic of Turkey to host the second meeting on Network linking of the OIC Member States' Ombudsmen Offices.

3. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.