



OIC OMBUDSMAN ASSOCIATION

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3rd Meeting held on 6th October 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2023

Membership Fee and OICOA Secretariat Operating Budget Resolution

(Agenda Item 8-d)

Preamble:

Reaffirming the commitment of the OIC Ombudsman Association (OICOA) to its mission of fostering international cooperation, peace, and development.

Recognizing the need to sustain OICOA's operations and initiatives through the collection of membership fees while acknowledging the financial constraints faced by certain member institutes.

Emphasizing the importance of transparency and financial prudence in managing the OICOA Secretariat's budget.

Taking into account the provisions set forth in the OICOA Statutes, particularly Article 7(5)(e), Article 16(8), and Article 16(9).

Resolution:

1. Membership Fee:

The General Assembly hereby resolves to introduce an annual membership fee for all OICOA member institutes. The annual membership fee shall be set at \$1000 per member institute. This fee shall be due annually on a date to be determined by the Secretariat and communicated to member institute in advance.

2. Fee Waivers:

To address the financial constraints faced by certain member institutes, as authorized by Article 7(5)(e) of the OICOA Statutes, the Secretary-General is empowered to grant a one-time fee waiver to eligible member institutes that demonstrate financial hardship, rather than a complete exemption. Eligibility criteria for such fee waivers shall be established by the Secretariat and communicated to member institutes.

3. Operating Budget:

The General Assembly resolves to authorize the Secretary-General to utilize a monthly budget of \$1000 for operating the OICOA Secretariat, in accordance with Article 16(8) of the OICOA Statutes. The Secretary-General may incur expenses within the approved budget to ensure the smooth functioning of the Secretariat and the Association's activities.

4. Budget Oversight:

Any expenditures exceeding the approved budget of \$1000 per month shall require ex-post facto approval from the Board of Directors, as outlined in Article 16(9) of the OICOA Statutes. The Secretary-General shall promptly seek approval from the Board of Directors for such expenditures, providing necessary justifications and documentation.

The Secretary-General shall report on the utilization of the approved budget and any fee waivers granted during the General Assembly's annual meetings for transparency and accountability purposes.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval by the General Assembly.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the member institutes of the OIC Ombudsman Association (OICOA) have adopted this resolution on 6th October 2023 in Istanbul, Turkiye.



Almas Ali Jovindah

Executive Secretary OIC Ombudsman Association