**RESOLUTION NO. 2/31-P**

**ADOPTED BY THE**

**ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS**

**ON THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS**

The Thirty-first Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Progress and Global Harmony), held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey,  from 26 to 28 Rabiul Thani, 1425H (14-16 June 2004),

**Reaffirming** the previous resolutions of the Islamic Conferences on the question of Cyprus which express firm support for the rightful cause of the Turkish Muslim people of Cyprus who constitute an integral part of the Islamic world;

**Reiterating its call** on the two parties in Cyprus to reciprocally acknowledge each other’s equal status;

**Reiterating also its continued support** for the efforts of the UN Secretary-General under his mission of good offices towards a settlement;

**Recalling** its support to the Statement of the UN Secretary General of 12 September 2000, emphasizing that in Cyprus each side represents itself and no one else; where the Greek Cypriots do not represent the Turkish Cypriots.

**Welcoming** in this context the willingness shown by the Turkish Cypriot side and Turkeyfor a political and viable settlement by taking a new initiative at the beginning of 2004;

**Recalling** that in nearly four decades since the establishment of UNFICYP, a unique opportunity presented itself when the UN Secretary-General finalized, with the active participation of the relevant parties, and presented a carefully balanced plan for the comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus issue on 31 March 2004;

**Emphasizing** in this regard that the UN settlement plan, in line with the resolutions of the OIC, respected the principle of equal political status of the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot sides, acknowledging that neither side may claim authority or jurisdiction over the other;

**Also emphasizing** that the Plan aimed to establish a new state of affairs in Cyprus, in the form of a new bi-zonal partnership with two equal constituent states;

**Welcoming** the sustained efforts of the UN Secretary-General in preparing and finalizing a comprehensive settlement plan that meets the core interests and concerns of two sides in Cyprus;

**Taking note** of the results of the simultaneous referenda held separately on 24 April 2004 in both sides of Cyprus; and deeply regrets that contrary to international calls, the Greek Cypriot side overwhelmingly rejected the UN settlement plan, whereas the Turkish Cypriot side approved the plan with a clear majority for the reunification of the Island and the EU membership;

**Applauding** the Turkish Cypriot people for their decision in exercise of their inherent constituent power in response to the call made by the UN Secretary-General;

**Noting** the desire of the Turkish Muslim people of Cyprus to fully integrate with the International Community, whereas they are left in isolation as the victim of an outcome in which they have no fault;

**Considering** that the massive arms build-up and the establishment, as well as continuing construction of air andnaval bases by the Greek Cypriot side constitute a threat to peace and stability in the Island and the region;

**Recalling** its Resolution No. 14/10-P(IS) adopted at the 10th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference which decided the enhancement of the participation of the Turkish Muslim people of Cyprus in the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

**Expressing its solidarity** with the Turkish Muslim People of Cyprus and its appreciation for their constructive efforts to attain a just and mutually acceptable settlement;

**Noting** the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Cyprus contained in document ICFM/31-2004/POL/SG.REP.2

1. **Reaffirms** the full equality of the two parties in Cyprus as the principle enabling them to live side-by-side in security, peace and harmony without the one having the ability to govern, exploit, oppress or threaten the other.

2. **Acknowledges** that a new situation has emerged in Cyprus following the referenda on 24 April 2004, which necessitates a fresh and comprehensive assessment of the Cyprus issue.

3. **Welcomes** the statements and calls made by the UN Secretary-General, international organizations and states, as well as decisions taken by various international organizations for ending the isolation of the Turkish Cypriots; and calls upon the international community to take immediate concrete steps to that end.

4. **Urges** the Member States to strengthen effective solidarity with the Turkish Muslim people of Cyprus, closely associating with them, and with a view to helping them materially and politically to overcome the inhuman isolation which has been imposed upon them, to increase and expand their relations in all fields and in particular direct transport,trade,tourism, culture, information, investment and sports contacts.

5. **Decides** to actively support, until the Cyprus problem is solved, the rightful claim of the Turkish Muslim people of Cyprus for the right to be heard and representedin all international fora on the basis of equality of the two parties in Cyprus.

6. **Requests** the Secretary-General to carry out the necessary contacts with the Islamic Development Bank with a view to seeking the ways and means of the latter’s assistance for the development projects of the Turkish Cypriot side.

7. **Decides** to remain seized of the request of the Turkish Cypriot side of Cyprus for full membership of the OIC.

8. **Further decides** that the Turkish Muslim people of Cyprus should continue to participate in the work, activities and meetings of all OIC organs under the name envisaged by the UN Secretary- General’s settlement plan.

9. **Requests** the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures for the implementation of this Resolution and to report thereon to the Thirty-second Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.