**RESOLUTION NO. 6/36-POL**

**ADOPTED BY THE**

**ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS**

**ON THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS**

 The Thirty-Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Enhancing Islamic Solidarity), held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic from 28 Jamadul

Awal – 1 Jamadul Thani 1430 H (23-25 May 2009);

**Recalling** its resolution No. 6/31-P on the situation in Cyprus adopted by the 31st

**Islamic Conference** of Foreign Ministers, held in Istanbul on 14-16 June 2004, which enabled the Turkish Muslim people of Cyprus to participate in the OIC under the name of the Turkish Cypriot State as envisaged by the UN Secretary-General’s comprehensive settlement plan;

**Recalling** its Resolution on the Situation in Cyprus adopted by the Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 13-14 March 2008 (No. 3/11-P (IS) and the resolution No. 5/35-P adopted by the 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda, on 18-20 June 2008, which reaffirm the full equality of the two parties in Cyprus and strongly call upon the international community to take, without further delay, concrete steps to end the isolation of the Turkish Cypriot people;

 **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 continued support for the efforts of the UN Secretary-General

under his mission of good offices towards a comprehensive settlement;

**Reiterating** once again its call on the two parties in Cyprus to reciprocally

acknowledge each other’s equal status;

**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 comprehensive settlement plan,

whereas the Turkish Cypriot side approved the plan with a clear majority for the

reunification of the Island and the EU membership;

**Welcoming** the ongoing negotiations for a comprehensive settlement of the

Cyprus problem, initiated under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General’s Good

Offices Mission on the 3rd of September 2008 and the willingness shown by the Turkish

Cypriot side and Turkey for a just and lasting settlement, 16

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**Monitoring** the negotiation process aiming to reach a settlement, on the basis of

the political equality of the two sides and the equal status of the two Constituent States

which will bring about a new bi-zonal partnership State;

**Expressing** its solidarity with the Turkish Cypriots and its appreciation for their

constructive efforts to attain a just and mutually acceptable settlement;

**Noting** the desire of the Turkish Muslim people of Cyprus to fully integrate with

the international Community, whereas they are still left in isolation as the victim of an

outcome in which they have no fault;

**Recalling** that the UN Plan of March 2004 for the comprehensive settlement of

the Cyprus issue aimed to establish a new state of affairs in Cyprus, respecting the

principle of equal political status of the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot sides and

acknowledging that neither side may claim authority or jurisdiction over the other;

**Welcoming** the successful organization of the “Development of Tourism in the

Islamic World” seminar in the Turkish Cypriot State between 15 to 17 April 2009;

**Referring** to the proposal declared by the Republic of Turkey on 24 January 2006

for simultaneous lifting of all restrictions on both sides of Cyprus, which if implemented,

will contribute to achieving a durable comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus issue;

**Considering** that the massive arms build-up and construction of air and naval

bases by the Greek Cypriot side constitute a threat to peace and stability in the Island and

the region;

**Noting** the report of the Secretary General on the situation in Cyprus contained in

document (OIC/CFM-36/2009/POL/SG/REP.);

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 one having the ability to

govern, exploit, oppress or threaten the other.

2. **Calls upon** the international community to encourage the Greek Cypriot side to

work constructively for an early comprehensive solution of the Cyprus issue on the basis

of the established UN parameters culminated in the UN Settlement Plan of 2004.

3. **Repeats** its call to the international community to take, without further delay,

concrete steps to end the isolation of the Turkish Cypriot people in line with the call

made by the UN Secretary General in his Report of 28 May 2004 and the assessments

made by the UN Secretary General’s following reports as well as the previous OIC

resolutions. 17

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4. **Calls upon** 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.

5. **Invites** the Member States in this framework:

- to exchange business delegations with the Turkish Cypriot side with a

 view to exploring the opportunities of economic cooperation, investment

 in the areas such as direct transport, tourism, information;

- to develop cultural relations and sports contacts with the Turkish Cypriot

 people;

- to encourage cooperation with the Turkish Cypriot universities, including

 the exchanges of students and academicians.

6. **Strongly encourages** Member States to exchange high level visits with the

Turkish Cypriot side.

7. **Reaffirms** its previous decisions to support, until the Cyprus problem is solved,

the rightful claim of the Turkish Muslim people of Cyprus, for the right to be heard in all

international fora where the Cyprus problem comes up for discussion, on the basis of

equality of the two parties in Cyprus.

8. **Requests** the Secretary General to secure the continuation of the necessary

contacts with the Islamic Development Bank with a view to seek ways and means of the

latter’s assistance for the development projects of the Turkish Cypriot side.

9. **Acknowledges** the desire of the Turkish Cypriot people to travel freely to the OIC

Member Countries.

10. **Decides** to remain seized of the request of the Turkish Cypriot side for full

membership of the OIC.

11. **Urges** the Member States to inform the Secretariat of the action taken regarding

the implementation of its previous resolutions and particularly Resolutions No.2/31-P,

No.6/34-P, No. 5/35-P and No. 3/11-P (IS).

12. **Requests** the Secretary General to take all necessary measures for the implementation of this resolution, make further recommendations as appropriate and to report thereon to the Thirty-seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.