**RESOLUTION NO. NO. 7/40-POL ADOPTED BY THE**

**ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS**

**ON THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS**

The Fortieth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Dialogue of

Civilizations, Factor for Peace and Sustainable Development), held in Conakry,

Republic of Guinea, from 06 to 08 Safar 1435H (09-11December 2013),

**Recalling** its resolution No.6/31-P on the situation in Cyprus adopted at the 31st Session of the 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 Turkish Cypriot State as envisaged by the UN Secretary-General’s

Comprehensive Settlement Plan,

**Recalling** the resolution No. 3/11 P (IS) on the situation in Cyprus adopted by the

11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on

13-14 March 2008 and the Final Communiqué of the 12th Session of the Islamic Summit

Conference held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, on 6-7 February 2013, the Resolution

No. 6/39/POL adopted by the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in

Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 15-17 November 2012, which reaffirm the full equality

of the two parties in Cyprus and 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 regretting 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,

**Recalling** its support for the negotiations for a comprehensive settlement of the

Cyprus issue, under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General’s Good Offices Mission

and the willingness shown by the Turkish Cypriot side and Turkey for a just and lasting

settlement,

**Regretting** that the last negotiation process conducted between 2008- 2012

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 to bring about a new bi-zonal Partnership State,

which would then have been able to assume the Presidency of the European Union on

July 1st, 2012, in line with the expectation of the UN Secretary-General, was unable to

produce a result despite the dedicated efforts of the Turkish Cypriot side,

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

constructive efforts to attain a just and mutually acceptable settlement,

**Underlining** that an early comprehensive settlement to the Cyprus problem that

has been on the agenda of the UN Security Council for 49 years can only be reached if

the Turkish Cypriot constructiveness in negotiations is properly reciprocated and that a

negotiated and mutually agreed political solution can be found, based on the inherent

constitutive power of the two peoples, their political equality and co-ownership of the

Island,

**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

conditions 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 while

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

**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,

**Sharing** the concern of 13th Session of the Council of the Parliamentary Union of

the OIC Member States, as expressed in Resolution No. 12-PE/13-CNCL, about the

Greek Cypriot side’s unilateral claims in the Eastern Mediterranean impeding the efforts

for a comprehensive settlement in Cyprus; recalling and welcoming, as expressed in

Resolution No. 13-PE/7-CONF and No. 14-PFR/8- CONF of the 7th and 8th Sessions of

the Conference of the PUIC, the fair-sharing proposal made by the Turkish Cypriot

President on 24 September 2011 and on 29 September 2012, with regard to the

hydrocarbon reserves off the coast of Cyprus,

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

document (OIC/CFM-40/2013/POL/SG-REP),

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heard in all international fora where the Cyprus problem comes up for discussion,

on the basis of equality of the two parties in Cyprus;

9. **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;

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

Member Countries;

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

membership to the OIC;

12. **Urges** the Member States to inform the General Secretariat of the actions taken

regarding the implementation of previous resolutions and particularly Resolutions

No.2/31-P, No.6/35-P, No. 7/38-POL, No. 6/39 POL, No.3/11-P (IS) and the

Final Communiqué of the 12th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, which

called on the Member States to strengthen effective solidarity with the Turkish

Cypriot State;

13. **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 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.