



**The Islamic Committee
of the International Crescent (ICIC)**

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PREAMBLE:

The Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, meeting in its thirteenth ordinary session held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qa`da, 1402 H (22-26 August 1982).

Aware of its responsibilities and of the Governments of Islamic Countries as regards humanitarian international agreements.

Aware of the efforts exerted by humanitarian organizations to alleviate the sufferings ensuing from natural disasters, conflicts and wars.

Affirming the need to strengthen humanitarian sentiments in order to avoid armed conflicts and wars, shorten their duration or diminish their dangers.

Convinced of the need to establish an Islamic Committee of the International Crescent entrusted with the responsibility of alleviating the suffering ensuing from natural disasters in times of peace, enjoining compassion and mercy in times of armed conflicts and wars, providing assistance to their victims and solving the humanitarian problems resulting there from irrespective of colour, religion or nationality.

Convinced that the establishment of an Islamic Committee of the International Crescent is a first step towards achieving greater solidarity and cooperation among the peoples and countries of the Islamic world.

Decides to approve the provisions of the Agreement attached thereto establishing the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent.

DEFINITIONS:

- The term “**Conference**” shall henceforth mean the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.
- The term “**Parties**” shall henceforth mean the member States signatory or party to the Agreement.
- The term “**Committee**” shall henceforth mean the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent.
- The term “**President**” shall henceforth mean the President of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent.
- The term “**Members**” shall henceforth mean the members of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent.
- The term “**Delegate**” shall henceforth mean those personnel working in the Committee and entrusted with the execution of its functions and activities.
- The term “**Depository**” shall henceforth mean the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation.

CHAPTER 1

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE

AND ITS HEADQUARTERS

ARTICLE 1

An Islamic humanitarian committee shall be established committed to the principles and entrusted with the functions and responsibilities indicated in Chapter II and III of the present Agreement. The Committee shall be known as "The Islamic Committee of the International Crescent".

ARTICLE 2

The permanent seat of the Committee shall be Benghazi, Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. It may, whenever the need arises, set up regional offices.

CHAPTER II

BASIC PRINCIPLES

ARTICLE 3

The Committee shall operate in accordance with the fundamental principles, and shall be totally committed to those principles while executing the humanitarian functions as stipulated in the basic rules and regulations of the Committee.

These fundamental principles which serve as objectives are:

a)- Human Dignity

The Committee shall uphold the principle of human dignity and its inherent spiritual and ethical values what formulate a basic requirement for better human relations that derives its strength from the genuine desire to extend respect, amity and welfare to mankind at large.

b)- Justice

The Committee shall consider that justice among people as well as social justice and security are lofty objectives, likely to ensure the stability of human communities and their welfare.

c)- Equality

The Committee shall abide by the principle of equality among people, irrespective of any other consideration. It shall promote mutual respect and fraternity to eliminate factors of hatred and spite.

d)- Impartiality

The Committee shall ensure that impartiality in solving differences arising among parties in a conflict is a constructive factor which brings about confidence and develops accuracy in ideas and wisdom.

e)- Independence

Taking into account the nature of its humanitarian activities, the Committee shall pursue an independent attitude in carrying out its functions stipulated in the present Agreement.

f)- Peace

The Committee shall uphold the principle that a sincere call for peace must always prevail in order to avoid the suffering and devastation caused by armed conflicts and wars.

CHAPTER III

FUNCTIONS

ARTICLE 4

The Committee shall provide relief to mankind and alleviate his suffering as a result of natural disasters to which he is exposed everywhere. It shall, whenever the need arises, provide relief and assistance to national and international institutions and organizations operating in the field of humanitarian services.

ARTICLE 5

The Committee shall Endeavour to establish close relations and fruitful cooperation with organizations operating in the field of humanitarian services, in particular with the organizations of the Red Crescent and the Red Cross.

ARTICLE 6

The Committee shall contribute to the efforts exerted to establish better relations, strengthen bonds of amity and propagate sentiments of friendship and affection among peoples. It shall Endeavour to enrich the human heritage in such a manner, as would entrance spiritual and ethical values, promote solidarity to defend human rights and its integrity, support the call for justice and peace and prevent the risks of war

ARTICLE 7

The Committee shall provide care and assistance to the victims of armed conflicts and wars, and protect the people exposed to their dangers. It shall, by the decision of the conference or the approval of the parties to the conflict, take peaceful initiatives and related measures to solve humanitarian problems resulting there from.

CHAPTER IV

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 8

The Committee shall be composed of ten members chosen as follows:

- a)- Eight members from States signatory or party to the present Agreement elected by the Conference on the basis of candidatures proposed by member States of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation.
- b)- One permanent member appointed by the host country .
- c)- One permanent member of the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation appointed by the Secretary General.

ARTICLE 9

The Committee shall elect from among its members a president and a vice president for a two-year term of office.

ARTICLE 10

The Committee's mandate shall cover a period of four years. At the conclusion of the first term, membership of one half of the non-permanent members shall come to an end by balloting. The membership of the four other members shall also expire after a period of two years. The Conference shall elect new members to replace those whose term of office has expired.

ARTICLE 11

Requisites for membership of the Committee shall include wide knowledge and experience in fields related to humanitarian activities and a genuine concern towards world issues and development of international relations on the basis of friendship, cooperation and equality.

ARTICLE 12

Members and delegates during their term of office shall be committed to fulfill their tasks in their personal capacity, with objectivity, impartiality and dedication.

ARTICLE 13

Parties to the Agreement shall provide members and delegates of the Committee with all facilities to enable them to fulfill their tasks.

ARTICLE 14

The Committee shall set the organizational structure of its central body, decide to establish regional offices whenever needed, draw up its financial and administrative regulations as well as rules of procedure, and define the working programmes and plans of action.

ARTICLE 15

The Committee shall convene once every six months. An extraordinary meeting may be convened at any time by the president or at the request of two thirds of its members. Arrangements for convening such meetings shall be carried out in accordance with its rules of procedure.

ARTICLE 16

The president shall submit an annual report to the Conference on the work and activities of the Committee as well as the latter's recommendations for developing its constituent Agreement whenever the need arises.

CHAPTER V

COMMITTEE`S FINANCE

ARTICLE 17

The income of the Committee shall consist of;

- a)- The subscriptions of the States signatory and party to the present Agreement.
- b)- Unconditional donations, wills and grants.
- c)- Revenues accruing from its private property.

ARTICLE 18

The Committee shall enjoy full financial autonomy and draw up its own financial investment policy, in accordance with its humanitarian objectives.

CHAPTER VI

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 19

The present Agreement shall, following its adoption by the thirteenth session of the Conference, be submitted for signature to all the member States.

ARTICLE 20

The present Agreement shall be subject to the ratification of the member States. The instrument of ratification shall be deposited with the Depositary.

ARTICLE 21

The present Agreement shall be effective as soon as the instruments of ratification of one third of the member States of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation have been deposited.

ARTICLE 22

Any party may propose the introduction of amendments to the present Agreement. The proposed amendment shall be notified to its Depositary which shall, in turn, consult all the parties and the Committee with a view to putting the proposed amendment before the Conference.

ARTICLE 23

The present Agreement shall be open to any non signatory party to accede to it. Accession instruments shall be deposited with the Depositary.

ARTICLE 24

The Depositary shall notify all the parties with any ratification or accession instrument that it may receive.

ARTICLE 25

All parties shall undertake to respect and ensure respect for the provisions of this Agreement in all cases.

ARTICLE 26

The original text of this Agreement, in the working languages of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation, shall be deposited with the Depositary which shall thereafter communicate official copies of the text to all member States.

The present Agreement has been duly drawn up in Niamey. Republic of Niger. On 7
Zul Qa`da 1402 (26 August, 1982).