

RESOLUTION NO.14/31-S&T
ON
GLOBAL COOPERATION IN POLIO ERADICATION PROGRAMME AMONG
OIC MEMBER STATES.

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

Recalling the Resolution adopted by the Islamic Summit and other Islamic Conference s, in particular the Tenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Putrajaya, Malaysia from 20 to 21 Shaaban 1424H (16 to 17 October 2003),

Recalling the principles stipulated on Child Care and Protection in the Islamic World as adopted by the Thirtieth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers under Resolution No. 13/30-C;

Recognizing that millions of children in the Islamic countries suffer as a result of diseases from which they may be protected,

Acknowledging that the world is on the verge of eradicating polio, and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, since 1988, has succeeded in reducing the number of annual polio cases by 99 percent;

Recognizing the significant progress made by the OIC Member States to eradicate polio within their countries;

Nothing with appreciation that almost all the OIC Member States are polio-free;

Observing that a few Member States are still to eradicate the polio virus; and that the polio virus is spreading from these countries and has re-infected seven OIC Member Countries;

Noting with concern that the polio virus has been imported to polio-free States, and thus placed at risk to a total of twenty-one West and Central African countries of which eighteen are OIC Member States;

1. **Strongly affirms** its commitment to the eradication of polio from all OIC Member States so that they can contribute effectively to the goal of Global Polio Eradication.
2. **Urges** all OIC Member States to allocate the necessary domestic resources to ensure that all children are protected from this crippling disease.

3. **Urgently calls** on the international community, Member States and Philanthropic organizations including in particular those in the Islamic world to provide the resources necessary to,
 - a) **eradicate** polio from all OIC Member States by 2005,
 - b) **Urgently** protect children in the twenty-one West and Central African countries at risk of a major polio epidemic in 2004.

Requests the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.
