



Resolution Adopted by

"The Fourth Conference on Health Tourism in the Islamic Countries (CHTIC)"

26-27 November 2013-Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran

"The Fourth Conference on Health Tourism in the Islamic Countries (CHTIC)", (26-27 November 2013, Mashhad- Islamic Republic of Iran), co-organized by the Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA); Mashhad Razavi Hospital; Ministry of Health and Medical Education of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Organization of Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Medical Council of the I.R. Iran, in cooperation with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC); Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA), and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB),

Recognizing that health is central to the well-being of the people and socio-economic development of the Member States,

Mindful of the challenges facing health tourism in the Islamic world towards realizing potential opportunities that stream health tourists among the OIC Member States,

Acknowledging that the objective of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation is to enhance and consolidate solidarity between the Member States and necessity of promoting cooperation among the Member States in the field of health to attain well-being and prosperity of the Ummah,

Recalling resolutions adopted by the Islamic Conferences of Health Ministers held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 12 - 15 June 2007, Tehran, Iran, 1-4 March 2009, Astana, Kazakhstan, 29 September 1 October 2011, and Jakarta, Indonesia, 22-24 October 2013 respectively,

Recognizing efforts undertaken by the OIC Member States in implementing resolutions and decisions of the previous Islamic Conference of Health Ministers,

Recalling the Resolution of the Seventh Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM), 28-30 November 2010, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran¹,

Also Recalling the Third Coordination Committee Meeting for Implementation of the Framework for Development and Cooperation in the domain of tourism among the OIC Member States, 12-13 June 2012, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, during which ways and means of promoting health

¹. OIC/7-ICTM/2010/RES/FINAL

tourism among the OIC Member States, on the basis of the principle of Islamic solidarity were explored,

Bearing in mind the Resolution of the 3rd Conference on Health Tourism in Islamic Countries (CHTIC) held on 18-19 December, 2012 in Mashhad, I.R of Iran, to establish an Open-Ended Expert Committee, comprising of the representatives of the OIC Member States, with the support of the Islamic Countries Health Tourism Association (ICHTA) Secretariat, to explore possible development of an OIC Accreditation System,

Recalling the decision of the 3rd CHTIC which called upon the insurance companies and authorities of the Islamic Countries to, with the support of the ICHTA Secretariat, look into ways and means of mutual collaboration to provide joint medical insurance services in support of boosting health tourism among the OIC Member States,

Being mindful the essentiality of expansion of knowledge and expertise among health tourism experts and operators in the OIC Member States to further improve capabilities and collaboration opportunities available in the region in the area of health tourism,

Expressing support and appreciation for the contribution of the Islamic Countries Health Tourism Association (ICHTA) to the developing of the OIC health tourism market as well as expansion of health tourism initiatives among the OIC Member States,

Recalling that the 29th COMCEC Conference welcomed convening of the 4th Conference on Health Tourism in Islamic Countries 26-27 November 2013 in Mashhad, and encouraged the OIC Member states to participate actively in the conference,

1. *Calls upon* the OIC Member States to extend their support to and cooperate with the Islamic Countries Health Tourism Association (ICHTA);
2. *Invites* the OIC Member States to develop national health tourism strategies and exchange information through the portal of the Health Information Center on their best practices;
3. *Reiterates* the importance of establishing further the Islamic Countries Health Tourism Association (ICHTA) branches in the OIC Member States as an essential tool to expand health tourism in the OIC Member States;
4. *Calls upon* the OIC Member States to initiate and develop national Healthcare Insurance & Accreditation programs and collaborate among themselves to achieve an intra-OIC Healthcare Insurance & Accreditation system, with the assistance of the Islamic Countries Health Tourism Association (ICHTA) Secretariat;
5. *Welcomes* the outcome of the Open Ended Expert Committee Meeting, on the proposed OIC Accreditation and Insurance System, taking into account relevant national systems, and requests the ICHTA Secretariat to submit to the 5th Conference on Health Tourism in Islamic Countries, an initial draft of a possible OIC Accreditation and Insurance System for their consideration;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat of ICHTA to further improve the portal of Health Information Center for the OIC Member States at www.hicoic.com/net and make it fully operational and urges the Member States, to actively contribute to its improvement;
7. *Calls upon* the OIC Member States, the Islamic Development Bank and other relevant financial institutions in the OIC Member States, to intensify their support for expansion of the health sector in order to promote health tourism among the OIC Member States;
8. *Stresses* the need for development of intra-OIC e-health & telemedicine initiatives and networking to contribute to promoting health tourism among the OIC Member States;
9. *Encourages* facilitation of the Case Management cycle (provision of comprehensive service packages) in health tourism among the OIC Member States through initiating proper tools and mechanisms;
10. *Acknowledges* the role of tour operators in promoting health tourism and *calls upon* the Governments and the private sector of the OIC Member States to support their tour operators' health-related activities including in the areas of joint collaboration, investment, training and etc;
11. *Supports* sub-regional and regional initiatives among the OIC Member States for promotion of health tourism including G5 and *welcomes* in this regard the outcome of the 2nd Coordination meeting among the Member States of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) at the sidelines of this Conference;
12. *Requests* the Secretariat of the Islamic Countries Health Tourism Association (ICHTA) to submit, through the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) , to the 8th Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers, to be held in Banjul, the Gambia, from 4-6, December 2013;
13. *Requests* the Secretariat of the Islamic Countries Health Tourism Association (ICHTA) to follow up on the implementation of this resolution submit a report thereon to the 5th CHTIC.