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### In the name of people

### **Presidency of Republic**

### Resolution no (48)

Based on what had approved by the House of Representatives in accordance with Article (61/Fourth) of the Constitution and based on the provisions of Articles (73/Second) and (138/Sixth) of the Constitution, the Presidency Council decided in its session held on 21/12/2008, issuance of the following law:

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Law of Republic of Iraq's Accession to
Agreement Establishing the Islamic
Commission of the International
Crescent

### **Article 1**

The Republic of Iraq shall join the Agreement for the Establishment of the Islamic Committee for the International Crescent approved at the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Islamic states at its (thirteenth session) held in Niamey, Niger, for the period from 3-7 Dhi al-Qa'dah, 1402 AH, coinciding (22-26) August, 1982 AD.





This law shall be effective from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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## Agreement Establishing the Islamic Commission of the International Crescent

### **Definitions:**

- (Conference) term means the Conference on Foreign Ministers of the Islamic States.
- (Parties) term means the member states signing and acceding to the agreement.
- (Committee) term means by the (Islamic Committee for International Crescent).
- (Chairman) term means Chairman of the Islamic Committee for International Crescent.
- (Members) term means the members of the (Islamic Committee for International Crescent).
- (Delegates) term means those working with the committee who are assigned to carry out its tasks and activities.
- (Deposit Secretariat) term means the Islamic Conference Organization General Secretariat.

### Chapter One Committee's establishment and headquarters

### **Article 1**

A humanitarian committee abides Islamic principles and undertakes the functions and tasks described in chapters (Two and Third) of this agreements called (The International Crescent Islamic Committee) shall be established.



### **Article 2**

The Permanent Committee shall be located in the city of Benghazi, Socialist People Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and it may establish regional offices whenever necessary.

### **Chapter Two Basic Principles**

### **Article 3**

The Committee shall work in accordance with basic Islamic principles, which it shall be fully committed to them during the performance of its humanitarian tasks assigned to it in accordance with the rules and regulations of its founding. These principles, which they are deemed an end in themselves, are:

### a. Human Dignity

The Committee shall be keen that human dignity, with its spiritual and moral components, is a basic requirement for best human relations, whose strength derives from the availability of elements of respect, love and goodness for all human beings.

### **b.** Justice

The Committee shall consider that establishing justice among people and providing security and social justice is a noble goal and a cause for the stability of human societies and a guarantee of their happiness.



### c. Equality

The Committee shall believe in equality among human beings without distinction or discrimination for any reason and shall work to spread affection and brotherhood and puts an end to the factors of hatred and malice.

### d. Neutrality

The committee shall affirm that the neutrality when dealing with disagreement conflict's party is a constructive force builds the trust and accelerate the victory of opinion soundness and wisdom.

### e. Independence

Given the nature of the work of the Humanitarian Committee, it shall work with complete independence when performing its tasks stipulated in this agreement.

### f. Peace

The Committee shall believe that the sincere call for peace must rise continually to prevent suffering and devastation caused by armed conflicts and wars.



### **Chapter Three Functions**

### **Article 4**

The committee shall work to rescue the human and alleviate his/ her pain caused by natural disasters to which he/ she is exposed everywhere, and to provide relief and assistance to international and civil bodies and organizations working in the field of humanitarian service, whenever necessary.

### **Article 5**

The committee shall work to establish close relations and fruitful cooperation with organizations working in the humanity field, especially with organizations of the Red Crescent and the Red Cross.

### **Article 6**

The committee shall contribute to efforts to establish better relations between peoples, support bonds of friendship, spread love and brotherhood and work to enrich the human heritage in a way that serves to consolidate spiritual and moral values and solidarity to defend and protect human rights and support the call for rightness and peace and ward off the dangers of war.

### **Article 7**

The committee shall work on serving and caring for the victims of armed conflicts and wars, protecting the people exposed to their dangers, and taking peaceful initiatives and the



subsequent measures to solve the humanitarian problems resulting from those cases, in accordance with a decision issued by the conference or with the consent of the parties to the conflict.

### **Chapter Four Formation of the Committee**

### **Article 8**

The committee shall consist of (Ten members) as follows:

- a. Eight members from the countries signing or acceding to this agreement, shall be elected by the conference based on the nominations of the member states of the of the Islamic Conference organization.
- b. A permanent member appointed by the headquarters state.
- c. A permanent member of the Islamic Conference Organization appointed by the (Secretary-General).

### Article 9

The committee shall choose from among its members (A Chairman and a Deputy) for two years.



### **Article 10**

The term of membership of the Committee shall be (Four years), after this term, the membership of half of the non-permanent members of the first membership period shall expire by lottery, and the membership of the other four shall expire after two years. The conference shall choose those who replace the members whose membership expired.

### **Article 11**

A candidate for membership in the committee shall require having knowledge and extensive experience in the fields of humanitarian work and the demonstrated keenness to the global issues and the development of its relations on the basis of friendship, cooperation and equality.

### **Article 12**

The members and delegates shall, during their service, abide the objectivity, neutrality and dedication in the performance of the duties they exercise in their personal capacity.

### **Article 13**

The parties shall grant the members and delegates of the committee all the necessary facilities to perform their duties and responsibilities.

### **Article 14**

The committee shall set the organizational structure of its central service, administration and regional offices that are decided to be established as needed, and shall issue its financial and



administrative regulations and rules of procedure, and shall define its programs and plans of work as well.

### **Article 15**

The committee shall meet (once every six months), and its chairman may, or at the request of two-thirds of its members, call it to an emergency meeting. The calling-for-meeting procedures shall carry out in accordance with the internal regulation.

### **Article 16**

The Chairman shall submit an annual report to the conference on the committee's works and activities, as well as its proposals for developing the agreement establishing it whenever necessary.

### Chapter five Finance of the Committee

### **Article 17**

The committee's revenue shall consist of:

- a. Contributions of states signing and acceding to this agreement.
- b. Unconditional donations, bequests and gifts.
- c. Income resulting from own property.



### Article 18

The Committee shall have complete financial independence and shall set the policy of investing its funds within the framework of Islamic Sharia in order to achieve its humanitarian purposes.

### Chapter Six General Previsions

### **Article 19**

Upon its approval by the (Thirteenth) Islamic conference, this agreement shall be presented immediately to be signed by all member states.

### Article 20

This agreement shall be subject to the ratification of the member states and the documents of ratification shall be deposited with the (Depositary Secretariat).

### **Article 21**

This agreement shall enter into force after the deposit of the documents of ratification of one third of the member states of the Islamic conference organization.



### Article 22

Any party may propose amendments to this agreement, and the text of the proposed amendment shall be communicated to the Depositary Secretariat, which shall consult with all parties and the committee to present the proposal for amendment to the conference.

### **Article 23**

This agreement shall be open to accession by any party who has not signed it, and the documents of accession shall be deposited with Depositary Secretariat.

### **Article 24**

The depositary secretariat shall notify the parties of any ratification and accession which it may receive in connection with this agreement.

### **Article 25**

All parties shall bind themself to respect the provisions of this agreement under all circumstances.

### **Article 26**

The original text of this agreement shall be deposited in the languages used in the Islamic Conference Organization with the (Depository Secretariat), which shall send copies of it to all member states.

This agreement was signed in Niamey, Niger On 7 Thil-Qadah 1402 AH, corresponding to 26 August, 1982 AD.