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on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to introduce draft resolution A/69/L.79 entitled
"Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation"
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In my capacity as the Chair of the group of members of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in New York, I am pleased to introduce draft resolution A/69/L.79 entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation".

The aforementioned draft resolution is consistent with the spirit, mission and purposes of resolution 3369 of the 10th of October 1975, whereby the assembly decided to invite the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to participate in the sessions and work of the General Assembly and of its subsidiary organs in the capacity of an observer.

In the preamble paragraphs, the draft resolution reaffirms the shared common goals of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the United Nations in conflict prevention, confidence-building, peacekeeping, conflict resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation, mediation and preventive diplomacy, including conflict situations involving Muslims communities.

Furthermore, the draft resolution highlights the desire of the two organizations to work more closely in the political, economic, social, humanitarian, cultural and scientific fields and in their common search for solutions to global problems, such as questions relating to international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, the promotion of a culture of peace through dialogue and cooperation, decolonization, fundamental human rights, economic and social development, and combating international terrorism. It welcomes the initiatives for interfaith dialogue by the two organizations, and the existing cooperation between the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

In its operative paragraphs, the draft resolution welcomes the strong commitment of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in the fight against violent extremism and terrorism; the shared common goals of the two organizations in promoting and facilitating the Middle East Peace Process; the cooperation between the two organizations towards combating intolerance and the stigmatization of persons based on their religion or belief.

Four decades after the rightful and wise decision of the General Assembly, today we are witnessing the increasing importance and utility of dynamic cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. Clearly, in the face of enduring as well as emerging conflicts, such cooperation between the two organizations has a strategic value.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude for the diligent work undertaken by the delegations in drafting this resolution.

I now request all Member States of this esteemed organization to adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/69/L.79 by consensus.

Thank you.