



# **THE 2<sup>ND</sup> CONFERENCE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND SUPREME COURTS/COUNCILS AND EQUIVALENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION**

## **BANDUNG DECLARATION**

### **ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONSTITUTIONALISM**

On 15-17 September 2021, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia hosted in Bandung the Second Conference of the Constitutional and Supreme Courts/Councils and Equivalent Institutions of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), with the theme of "Human Rights and Constitutionalism: The Contribution of Judiciary of Muslim Countries".

The Heads and Representatives from 38 Constitutional and Supreme Courts/Councils and Equivalent Institutions of the OIC Member/Observer States, guest courts, and international institutions participated in the conference. The conference presented an opportunity to engage and share knowledge, experiences, and best practices relating to constitutional cases for the promotion of human rights, constitutionalism, and democracy, notably the Role of Judiciary to Promote Humanity and Democracy; and the Protection of Social, Economic and Cultural Rights; as well as Civil and Political Rights in a Pluralistic Society.

Within the framework of their constitutional competence, the constitutional and supreme courts/councils play an instrumental role to ensure respect for the implementation of national constitutions principle of rule of law, democracy, and human rights.

As guardians of the constitution, rule of law, democracy, and human rights, we, Heads and Representatives of the Constitutional and Supreme Courts/Councils and Equivalent Institutions of the Member States of OIC declare our commitment to ensure rule of law and work against the widespread xenophobic and Islamophobic discourse and practice, as well as terrorism, which undermine the principle of rule of law, promotion of a dignified life for all humanity and peaceful coexistence between religions and beliefs.

Reaffirming the commitment to build partnerships through sharing of information and best practices on constitutional cases for the promotion of rule of law, democracy, and human rights, we hereby agree:

1. To establish a formal platform for the constitutional judiciaries in OIC Member States, as an independent forum to exchange experiences and information on mutual concern relating to dealing with constitutional cases and jurisprudence for the promotion of rule of law, democracy, and human rights;
2. To officially launch the platform under the name of Conference of Constitutional Jurisdictions of OIC Member States (CCJ-OIC);
3. To convene the inaugural congress of the CCJ-OIC next year to be held in Istanbul, Turkey;





4. To continue the mandate of the Working Committee consisting of Indonesia, Turkey, Algeria, Pakistan, and Gambia to prepare the working papers of the conference to be submitted to the congress, including but not limited to:

- The statute of the CCJ-OIC;
- The consideration of the relationship of the CCJ-OIC and its interaction with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

The Heads and representatives of delegations present today hereby express their highest appreciation to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia for organizing this conference in an outstanding manner and with excellent hospitality.

**Bandung, 17 September 2021**