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**Resolution of the 8th World Zakat Forum International Conference
and Annual Meeting 2019:**

Optimizing Global Zakat Role through Digital Technology

Bandung, Indonesia, November 5-7, 2019

The World Zakat Forum, as an international platform of zakat movement, has a role to synergize global zakat stakeholders in improving the welfare of the ummah and alleviating poverty. Therefore, with the mercy of Allah, the World Zakat Forum has conducted the 8th World Zakat Forum International Conference and Annual Meeting 2019 on 5-6 November with a theme “Optimizing Global Zakat Role through Digital Technology” at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Bandung, Indonesia.

This conference has discussed various updated topics on global zakat development particularly in the light of current progress of digital technology. Those are, but not limited to, (1) strengthening the role of the World Zakat Forum in the digital era; (2) digital zakat management in the Muslim countries including Muslim minority countries; (3) contemporary fiqh of digital zakat; (4) government regulation on digital zakat; and (5) various instruments to increase standardization of zakat management. The conference has also marked growing role of zakat to solve global poverty and inequality problems and proposed new measurement standard for measuring the impact of zakat on the welfare of the mustahik (zakat beneficiaries).

Based on the discussion for 2 (two) days, the World Zakat Forum set the resolutions as follows:

1. The growing role of digital technology should be optimized for the benefit of the global zakat development, especially in enhancing awareness of the Muslims to fulfill their zakat obligation.
2. The use of digital platform in zakat management shall be advanced, thus the WZF calls all the WZF members to adopt recent technology as part of their zakat

management, notably for collection and distribution of zakat fund in respective WZF member countries.

3. The notion of zakat and blockchain has been massively discussed. Hence, the WZF suggests all the WZF members to investigate further the potential of zakat management with blockchain technology.
4. One of the crucial aspects in utilizing digital technology lies on the risk management. The presence of technical notes on risk management of zakat institution is expected to play an important role as guidance to mitigate the risk that may occur from zakat management practices including the use of digital technology. Hence, all WZF member countries are encouraged to adopt this technical note.
5. All WZF members are encouraged to adopt the technical notes on good amil governance as realization of Zakat Core Principles in order to enhance the quality of zakat management.
6. All WZF members realize the importance of having international standard measuring the impact of zakat on the living condition of the mustahik (zakat beneficiaries). Hence, in this regard, all WZF members agree to adopt Zakat Welfare Index that has been extensively discussed during the meeting.
7. All WZF members agree to provide annual report containing the results of Zakat Welfare Index in order to increase accountability and transparency of zakat distribution.
8. Calling all WZF members to strengthen their collaboration with UNICEF in order to improve poor children living condition.

The World Zakat Forum also agree to conduct the 9th World Zakat Forum International Conference and Annual Meeting 2020 in Selangor It will be hosted by Lembaga Zakat Selangor (LZS) Malaysia.

May Allah SWT bless our endeavors in upholding global zakat movement for better future of the ummah.

Bandung, 6 November 2019

The World Zakat Forum