

Resolutions of the Third Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers

Doha, State of Qatar 29-31 December, 2001 A.D. / 14-16 Shawal, 1422 A.H.



Resolution on Adoption of the Draft Agenda

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- Having considered the Draft Agenda of its 3rd Session contained in document (ICCM3/2001/1.1 Amended),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following :

- Adopts the Agenda of its current 3rd Session as contained in document (ICCM3/2001/1.1 Amended).



Resolution on Adoption of the Draft Programme

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- Having considered the Draft Programme of its 3rd Session contained in document (ICCM3/2001/1.2 Amended),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following :

- Adopts the Programme of its current 3rd Session as contained in document (ICCM3/2001/1.2 Amended).



Resolution on Composition of the steering Bureau of the Conference

The Third Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, may Allah protect him, Emir of the State of Qatar, President of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference, at Doha, on 14-16 Shawal, 1422 A.H. / 29-31 December, 2001,

Decides the following :

Elects the Bureau of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers as follows:

- Chairman: State of Qatar
- Více-Chairmen:
 - * Islamic Republic of Pakistan
 - * Palestine
 - * Republic of Niger
- Rapporteur: Kingdom of Morocco



Resolution on Implementation of the Resolutions of Second Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers on the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World

The Third Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, may Allah protect him, Emir of the State of Qatar, President of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference, at Doha, on 14-16 Shawal, 1422 A.H. / 29-31 December, 2001,

- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the Third Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Considering the Resolutions of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference,
- Recalling the resolutions of the Second Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers,
- Having considered the report of the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of the resolutions of the Second Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers on the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having examined the reports of the Consultative Council for Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World on its first and second meetings,

Decides the following :

1- Affirms its mandate to the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in its capacity as the specialized body within the Organization of the Islamic Conference and considering the fact that it is the living cultural conscience of the Muslim World, to pursue the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and to follow up to its implementation through the Consultative Council set up for that purpose, as well as to collaborate with relevant quarters in the Member States and the OIC General Secretariat.

- 2- Stresses the need to step up, coordinate, and pool efforts and marshal potentialities and resources in order to give strong impetus to the implementation mechanisms of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and to adapt them to the regional and international developments as it is a flexible action plan and a dynamic framework that meet the requirements of the comprehensive and multi-purpose development of the Muslim world, taking into consideration difference in situation and diversity in options and in national cultural policies of each Member State.
- 3- Exhorts the Member States to incorporate the cultural principles that help shape the individual, build civilization and attain development and progress, principles enshrined in the spirit of the Islamic civilization, into the core of national cultural policies; and stresses the need to promote the factors of compelementarity, interrelationship and solidarity within Islamic brotherhood that holds together the peoples of the Muslim Ummah and to adopt it as a foundation of the joint Islamic cultural action.
- 4- Stresses the critical importance of deepening the concept of the cultural and civilizational unity of the Muslim Ummah, of strengthening that concept and harnessing it in order to shape the cultural identity of the Muslim World for it is the hard core that stands fast in the face of the globalization challenges which are sweeping away the specificities of peoples and menacing their own cultural identities.
- 5- Calls upon the Member States which do not have national cultural councils, to create them, in order for the latter to coordinate activities of the cultural action therein, for the purpose of implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, whether as part of the mission devolved on the culture ministries of the Muslim States or their respective national cultural councils, so that those councils may become bodies that support and complement already existing institutions.
- 6- Adopts the reports of the Consultative Council for the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, on its first and second meetings.
- 7- Calls upon Member States wishing to implement cultural projects, to submit those projects to the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization which shall refer them to the Consultative Council for Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World.

- 8- Commends the role of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in its capacity as the body specialized, at the Muslim world level, in developing the guidelines for the cultural development of the Muslim world, and which has been entrusted with the task of coordinating the joint Islamic cultural action and following up its steps; and stresses the importance of the Islamic Organization mobilizing the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, in order to support executive programmes of the Strategy in a continuous manner.
- 9- Invites all the Member States to allocate additional financial resources to support the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to allow it to continue following up the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and to redouble its efforts in order to activate it, in a manner that would not affect the budget earmarked for the implementation of the programmes scheduled under ISESCO's Action Plan.
- 10- **Invites** the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to submit a report on the subject to the 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers.



Resolution on Implementation of the Islamic Cultural Action in the West

The Third Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, may Allah protect him, Emir of the State of Qatar, President of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference, at Doha, on 14-16 Shawal, 1422 A.H. / 29-31 December, 2001,

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- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the Third Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Considering the Resolutions of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference,
- Having examined the report of the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of the Strategy for Islamic Cultural Action in the West,

- 1- Stresses the importance of activating the role of the Higher Council for Education and Culture in the West operating within the framework of the Strategy for Islamic Cultural Action in the West, and calls upon the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to provide financial and moral support to the Higher Council for Education and Culture in the West through the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
- 2- Calls upon the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to elaborate a comprehensive perception reflecting its integrated vision of Islamic cultural action in the West in the light of the international developments, as part of its current Action Plan for the years 2001-2003 and within the limits of its budget.



Resolution on Activities of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization under the International Year of Dialogue among Civilizations

The Third Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, may Allah protect him, Emir of the State of Qatar, President of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference, at Doha, on 14-16 Shawal, 1422 A.H. / 29-31 December, 2001,

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- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Considering the Resolutions of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference,
- Having considered the report of the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the activities implemented by the Islamic Organization under the International Year of Dialogue among Civilizations,

- 1- **Reaffirms** the position of the Muslim world on dialogue among civilizations based on Islam's principles and teachings of tolerance, commanding tolerance among civilizations, peaceful co-existence and mutual respect for cultural and civilizational specificities of nations.
- 2- Invites the other parties to show receptiveness to the positive stance of the Muslim world with regard to dialogue among civilizations and to testify to sincere desire for achieving understanding among the peoples of the world and preventing injustice, aggression, usurpation of legitimate rights and negation of the cultural specificities of peoples.

- 3- Calls upon the international community to pursue dialogue among civilizations and to regard it as a continuous subject and a permanent issue constantly present on the international scene, and not confined or limited to one year only.
- 4- Appeals to international parties, including organizations, institutions, bodies and personalities concerned with issues bearing on human destiny, to give utmost consideration to dialogue among civilizations and to gear it towards the fostering of peace and security, justice and stability in the world.
- 5- Commends the efforts of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in implementing several activities under the United Nations' Year of Dialogue among civilizations, and invites ISESCO to pursue these efforts through international fora, in order to convey Islam's civilizational message, and to make clear the Muslim world's position on dialogue among civilizations.



Resolution on the Recommendations of the Specialized Commissions of the OIC on the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World

The Third Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, may Allah protect him, Emir of the State of Qatar, President of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference, at Doha, on 14-16 Shawal, 1422 A.H. / 29-31 December, 2001,

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- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the Third Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Considering the Resolutions of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference,
- Having examined the report of the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the recommendations of the specialized commissions of the OIC on the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,

- 1- **Reaffirms** the resolutions of the relevant parties of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, and invites the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to follow up its implementation.
- 2- **Commends** the efforts of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in implementing the resolutions of the Second Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers.
- 3- **Praises** the initiatives of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for developing cooperation and partnership with Arab, Islamic and international organizations to implement the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, and invites it to further coordination in the common fields with those organizations to avoid duplication of efforts.



Resolution on Western Media Denigration of Islam and Islamic Civilization under the Present International Juncture

The Third Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, may Allah protect him, Emir of the State of Qatar, President of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference, at Doha, on 14-16 Shawal, 1422 A.H. / 29-31 December, 2001,

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- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the Third Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Considering the Resolutions of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference,
- Having examined the report of the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on media denigration of Islam and Islamic civilization in the West,

- 1- Condemns the tendentious smear campaign staged by Western media against Islam to distort its bright image, obliterate its crystal-clear reality, denigrate Muslims, cause prejudice to them, harm their interests and besmirch their reputation among the international community.
- 2- Mandates the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to develop a detailed programme to refute the denigration campaings mounted by the Western media against Islam and Islamic civilization. This programme shall be submitted to the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to benefit therefrom in repelling these campaigns.

- 3- Invites all Member States to take initiatives at the level of their own information bodies, whether governmental or non-governmental, within their own possibilities and their national cultural and media policies, in order to contribute to rehabilitating the image of Islam in the West. The Islamic diplomatic missions at the Western capitals will be made, through the relevant departments of their countries, to participate in those efforts.
- 4- Stresses the fact that the response to media denigration of Islam and Islamic civilization is a responsibility commonly shared by all Member States, as well as by non-governmental media, by men of thought, science and culture and media specialists in general.



Resolution on National reports of the Member States on the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World

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- Taking into account the national reports of the Member States pertaining to the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having heard the presentations made by the heads of delegation in this connection,

Decides the following :

- Takes cognizance of the national reports of the Member States, under the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, and invites them to energize this Strategy and translate it into action, taking into account the needs of each individual country and keeping in line with its general policy.



Resolution on Preservation of Islamic cultural hallmarks and institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif

The Third Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, may Allah protect him, Emir of the State of Qatar, President of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference, at Doha, on 14-16 Shawal, 1422 A.H. / 29-31 December, 2001,

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- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the Third Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Considering the Resolutions of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference,
- Having considered the report of the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of the resolutions of the Second Islamic Conference on the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having considered the report of the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the preservation of Islamic cultural hallmarks and institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif,
- Having examined the reports of the Consultative Council for the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World on its first and second meetings,

Decides the following :

1- Stresses the need to preserve the rights of the Palestinian people, including the perservation of their cultural properties, institutions and hallmarks, in Palestine and specifically in Al-Quds; calls upon the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to discharge its responsibility of preserving Palestine's cultural hallmarks and institutions and support the Muslim World's position on this issue in international fora.

- 2- Appeals to the international community to take urgent steps to guarantee protection for the Palestinian people, by means of exerting pressure on Israel to compel it to agree to the deployment of international peace-keeping forces in the Palestinian territories, and to implement the United Nations resolutions guaranteeing the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the setting up of its independent state with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as Capital.
- 3- Stresses international responsibility and Islamic responsibility in particular for preserving Islamic cultural hallmarks and institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif in application of the provisions of international law and in accordance with the resolutions of UNESCO which incorporate all of Al-Quds Al-Sharif hallmarks, monuments and historical buildings into the universal cultural heritage which must be left untouched without any alteration of its features or distortion of its historical reality.
- 4- **Recalls** the responsibility of all the Member States to support and back up the Palestinian people and invites the latter to rally around their legitimate leadership as represented by the Palestinian National Authority, and to support the Palestinian people in their standfastness in the face of Israeli aggression and to provide them with all means and resources, in order to stand up to this barbaric aggression.
- 5- Pays tribute to the efforts of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in preserving Palestine's cultural hallmarks and institutions and invites it to redouble its efforts in this respect.



Resolution on Spoiled Islamic Cultural Property and their Recovery

The Third Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, may Allah protect him, Emir of the State of Qatar, President of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference, at Doha, on 14-16 Shawal, 1422 A.H. / 29-31 December, 2001,

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- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Considering the Resolutions of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference,
- Having considered the note of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the recovery and return of Spoiled Islamic Cultural Property,

- 1- **Reaffirms** the legitimate right of the Muslim world to recover its cultural property spoiled during foreign occupation and colonization of Islamic countries.
- 2- Calls upon the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to back up the position of the Muslim world on the recovery of their spoiled cultural property, under its international responsibility to preserve the universal cultural heritage and in compliance with its relevant resolutions.
- 3- Mandates the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to follow up this matter with UNESCO and with Islamic and international organizations and bodies concerned, to make endeavours with Western countries which have in their possession these properties, in order to return them to their countries of origin, in accordance with the right guaranteed by international law for peoples whose cultural properties have been spoiled in one form or another or under any circumstances.



Resolution on Draft Programme of the Capitals of Islamic Culture

The Third Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, may Allah protect him, Emir of the State of Qatar, President of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference, at Doha, on 14-16 Shawal, 1422 A.H. / 29-31 December, 2001,

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- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Considering the Resolutions of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference,
- Having considered the report of the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the draft programme of the capitals of Islamic Culture,

- 1- Adopts the draft programme of the capitals of Islamic Culture in its version as submitted by the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
- 2- Mandates the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to follow up the detailed programmes of cultural activities on the subject in collaboration with the governmental quarters concerned in the states of the capitals of Islamic culture.
- 3- **Designates** Makkah Al-Mukarramah as capital of Islamic Culture for 2004 and calls upon ISESCO to follow up the matter with the competent authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 4- Invites the Member States to nominate cities for capitals of Islamic culture, so that the Islamic Organization could select, yearly, three among them representing the Arab African and Asian regions.
- 5- Calls upon the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to submit a report on the subject to the 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers.



Resolution on Establishing an Islamic Satellite Channel

The Third Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, may Allah protect him, Emir of the State of Qatar, President of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference, at Doha, on 14-16 Shawal, 1422 A.H. / 29-31 December, 2001,

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- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Considering the Resolutions of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference,
- Having examined the report of the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the project of establishing an Islamic Satellite Channel,

- 1- Adopts the project of establishing an Islamic Satellite Channel, based on the study prepared by the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in coordination with the State of Qatar.
- 2- **Thanks** His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, President of the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference, for hosting the head-quarters of the Channel and for the support of His Highness to the project.
- 3- Calls upon the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to extend all forms of support to help implement the Project as early as possible.
- 4- Invites the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the competent parties in the State of Qatar to pursue implementation of the project.
- 5- **Invites** the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to submit a report on the subject to the 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers.



Resolution on Election of the members of the Consultative Council for implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World

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- Pursuant to Resolution n° (ICCM2/1998/F.C.1) adopted by the 2nd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers,
- Considering the fact that the Presidency of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers takes part in the proceedings of the Consultative Council for implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Taking into account the fact that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia chairs the Consultative Council and hosts its forthcoming Session in March 2002,
- Being eager to secure continuation of the efforts exerted in this connection,

- Elects the following States as Members of the Consultative Council for implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World:
 - * Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 - * Republic of Yemen
 - * Islamic Republic of Mauritania
 - * Republic of Chad
 - * Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros
 - * Republic of Guinea
 - * Islamic Republic of Pakistan
 - * Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam
 - * Republic of Tajikistan
- Calls upon the Member States of this Council to nominate their representatives.
- Any country presenting a cultural project to the Council may attend the Council's proceedings, at its own expenses.



Resolution on Date and venue of the 4th Conference Session

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Decides the following :

- Holds the Fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in the year 2004, in the Republic of Yemen.