

**REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL
AFFAIRS ADOPTED BY THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE ISLAMIC
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1. The Administrative and Financial Affairs Committee of the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session for a better future for the peoples of the Islamic Ummah) met in Doha, State of Qatar from 17 to 19 Dhul Quida 1418H (15-17 March 1998) to consider the agenda items referred to it by the Conference.
 2. At the outset of the Committee's activities, its Bureau was setup and was composed of the same Member States as those in the Bureau of the Plenary Session.
 3. The Committee sessions were chaired by H.E. Ambassador Mahmood Abdul Aziz Sahlawy from the State of Qatar.
 4. The Chairman started the proceedings with an address in which he welcomed the delegations and wished them a pleasant stay in the State of Qatar. He requested the assistance and cooperation of the delegations of Member States, and the representatives of the General Secretariat to facilitate the task of the Committee.
 5. The Committee started its deliberations by considering the agenda items referred to it and decided to submit the draft resolutions, which it adopted, to the Plenary Session. They are:
 - A. Draft Resolution on the Report of the meeting of the Governmental Experts Group entrusted with examining the Report of the Secretary General on the Current Situation of the OIC and Ways for Administrative Reform and Financial Redress, held in Jeddah from 17 to 20 Shawwal 1418H (14-17 February 1998).
 - B. Resolution on the Current Financial Situation of the Organization of Islamic Conference and the Problem of Accumulated Member States' arrears of Mandatory Contributions.
 - C. Draft Resolution on the Budget of the General Secretariat for Financial Year 1997/98 to the amount of US\$ 11,372,000, i.e. with an increase of 7% over the ceiling of the 1996/97 Budget.
 - D. Election of the Finance Control Organ for the two financial years 1997/98 and 1998/99.
- The Committee reviewed the nominations submitted for membership in this Committee. The number of nominations for membership was 13 candidates. Following discussion of this matter the Committee recommends the election of the following: the State of the United Arab Emirates, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Turkey, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of Qatar, the State of Kuwait, the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Kingdom of Morocco, on the understanding that the representatives of the elected members are to be chosen from among financial specialists in accordance with Article 81 of the Financial regulation of OIC. (To be submitted for adoption along with a set of organizational and general resolutions.)

6. The representatives of a number of Member States requested that the exceptional reduction be increased from 50% to 75% for the least developed Member States wishing to settle their arrears. However, no agreement was reached regarding this question. The Conference therefore decided to refer the matter to the Governmental Expert Group entrusted with studying the current situation of the Organization and the ways for administrative reform and financial redress.

7. At the end of its deliberations, the Committee expressed its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Government of the State of Qatar for kindly hosting the Conference and for the excellent facilities provided to ensure its success.

8. The Committee also expressed its deep thanks to its Chairman for his skillful conduct of the deliberations and for his wisdom which was highly instrumental in the successful outcome of its deliberations.

9. The Committee expressed its thanks to the General Secretariat for its clarifications and efforts which contributed to the success of its proceedings.

Ambassador Mahmood Abdul Aziz Al-Sahlawy,
Chairman, Administrative and
Financial Committee

N.B. Indonesia, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Djibouti made reservations on the draft resolution concerning the budget of General Secretariat.

RESOLUTION NO.1/25-AF

ON THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE O.I.C. AND WAYS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM AND FINANCIAL REDRESS

The Twenty-fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session for a better future for the peoples of the Islamic Ummah), held in Doha, State of Qatar, from 17 to 19 Dhul Quida 1418H (15-17 March 1998),

Cognizant of the important role played by the Organisation of the Islamic Conference through its General Secretariat at the Islamic and international levels to strengthen Islamic solidarity and cooperation and to defend the causes of the Islamic Ummah;

Referring to Resolution No. 2/8-AF(IS) on Administrative Reform and Financial Redress of the General Secretariat which commissioned an open-ended Committee of Governmental Experts to examine the report of the Secretary General No. IS/8-97/AF/D.1 on the Current Situation of the OIC and the Means for Administrative Reform and Financial Redress, in the light of Member States' observations as well as the draft budget of the General Secretariat for the Financial Year 1997/1998, and to submit their recommendations thereon to the Twenty-fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Having considered the report of the Group of Governmental Experts entrusted with considering the Current Situation of the OIC and the Means of Administrative Reform and Financial Redress (Report No. ARAFR/1-98/REP. FINAL) which met in Jeddah from 17-20 Shawwal 1418H (14-17 February 1998);

1- Expresses its thanks to the Secretary General for his initiative aiming at upgrading the performance of the Organization, and to carry out reforms and modernize working methods in the General Secretariat so that it can keep pace with international current developments.

2- Approves with appreciation the contents of the report of the Group of Governmental Experts concerning the report of the Secretary General on the current situation of the OIC and ways for administrative reform and financial redress, stressing

that the administrative reform and the financial redress must be in the framework of the parameters and recommendations contained in the report of the said Group.

3- Expresses its appreciation for the draft formulation of the 4-year Programme of work proposed by the Secretary General to strengthen cooperation among Member States, and requests its completion in cooperation and consultation with the Standing Committees and specialized Organs.

4- Approves the setting up of a computerization Department at the General Secretariat provided that the required funds are available.

5- Renews the mandate of the Group of Experts to complete the study of the proposals related to the administrative and financial structural reforms which involve additional financial commitments, and to make proposals thereon to the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

6- Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 26th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 /25-AF

ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE OIC AND THE PROBLEM OF ACCUMULATED MEMBER STATES' MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS

The Twenty-fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session for a better future for the peoples of the Islamic Ummah), held in Doha, State of Qatar, from 17 to 19 Dhul Quida 1418H (15-17 March 1998),

Being cognizant of the importance of the role of the General Secretariat in enhancing Islamic solidarity and cooperation, defending the causes of the Islamic Ummah, and in implementing the Resolutions of the Summit and Foreign Ministers Conferences as well as of the importance of the financial and material support such a role requires;

Expressing its deep concern over the financial difficulties faced by the General Secretariat and its subsidiary organs on account of some Member States' delay in the settlement of their contributions or non-payment thereof, which impedes the fulfilment of the various tasks assigned to the General Secretariat and the subsidiary organs;

And having approved the recommendations of the Governmental Expert Group entrusted with the consideration of the Organisation's current situation and ways for administrative reform and financial redress (Report No.ARAFR/1-98/REP.FINAL):

1. Renews its call on those Member States which have not settled their contributions to the budgets of the General Secretariat and its subsidiary organs yet, to do so promptly.
2. Extends the validity of Res. 3/21-AF and reactivates Resolution No. 1/6(IS) adopted in Dakar providing for an exceptional 50% reduction for those Member States wishing to settle their arrears up to financial year 1996/97 by December 1999 at the latest.
3. Decides to adopt practical measures to be applied to the Member States that would not have settled their arrears by 1st January 2000, in implementation of Res. 3/21-AF- of the 21st Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, with the understanding that these measures shall be applied from the mildest to the harshest ones on a gradual basis that takes into account the financial situation of Member States. These measures shall be applied to any Member State that fails to honour its mandatory contributions for more than two successive years or equivalent as of the year 2000.
4. Authorizes the Secretary General to accept extra-budgetary resources such as donations and voluntary contributions from other Islamic institutions and associations, whether financial or charitable, provided that the purpose of such contributions is compatible with the objectives, activities and regulations of the OIC and does not

undermine its independence; these donations and contributions will be considered from the accounting viewpoint, as revenues and the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers will be kept duly informed.

5. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Twenty-sixth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 /25-AF

ON THE BUDGET OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1997/98

The Twenty-fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session for a better future for the peoples of the Islamic Ummah), held in Doha, State of Qatar, from 17 to 19 Dhul Quida 1418H (15-17 March 1998),

Having approved the report presented by the Governmental Expert Group entrusted with considering the Organisation's current situation and ways for administrative reform and financial redress (Report No. ARAFR/1-98/REP.Final);

Having examined the budget proposal presented by the General Secretariat for the financial year 1997/98;

Being aware of the financial difficulties faced by the General Secretariat and its subsidiary organs in implementing its programmes and the resolutions of the Summit and Foreign Ministers Conferences;

Recalling Resolution No. 1/6-AF(IS) adopted by the Sixth Islamic Summit Conference which requested the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers to provide the General Secretariat with the necessary means to implement the adopted programmes and resolutions, while bearing in mind the wish to develop the Organisation and to promote its coordination role:

1. Adopts the budget of the General Secretariat for 1997/98 with a 7% increase on the ceiling of the Budget of the General Secretariat for financial year 1996/97, to be financed totally by mandatory contributions of Member States in accordance with the Charter and Financial Provisions to the amount of 11,372,000 US\$ thus distributed:

Chapter I	8,450,000 US\$
Chapter II	1,600,000 US\$
Chapter III	200,000 US\$
Chapter IV	1,122,000 US\$

2. Urges the Member States to settle their mandatory contributions towards the budget of the General Secretariat for financial year 1997/98 in order to enable it to carry out the tasks entrusted to it.