

RESOLUTIONS ON GENERAL, STATUTORY AND ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

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(SESSION FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE ISLAMIC UMMAH)

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RESOLUTION NO.1/25-ORG

ON THE CRITERIA FOR OIC MEMBERSHIP

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);

Recalling operative paragraph 6 of Resolution 1/24-ORG calling for setting up a Governmental Experts Group to elaborate criteria for full OIC membership;

Having taken note with appreciation of the report of the meeting of the said Governmental Experts Group and its recommendations:

1. Approves the recommendations included in the report of the Governmental Experts Group concerning the elaboration of criteria for full OIC membership.
2. Requests the Secretary General to ascertain the applicability of these criteria to any application for OIC membership that may reach him and submit a report thereon to the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers which will then take a decision on the application for membership.

RESOLUTION NO.2/25-ORG

ON THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE AND THE UNITED NATIONS

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 considered the Report of the Secretary General on the cooperation between the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the United Nations (Doc. ICFM/25-98/ORG/D-3);

Taking into account the desire of both Organizations to cooperate more closely in their common search for solutions to world problems, such as questions relating to international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization and elimination of racial discrimination, fundamental human rights and the establishment of an international economic order for development;

Recalling the Articles of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference which encourage activities carried out through regional cooperation to promote the objectives and principles of the United Nations and the Organisation of the Islamic Conference;

Noting with satisfaction the strengthening of cooperation between the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions;

Noting also the encouraging progress made in nine priority areas of cooperation as well as in the identification of new areas of cooperation such as "Promotion of Development through Inter-cultural Dialogue";

Convinced that the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations System and its agencies on the one hand and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its institutions on the other contributes to the promotion of the objectives and principles of the Charters of both the United Nations and those of the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

Noting with satisfaction and appreciation the determination of both organizations to further strengthen the existing cooperation by initiating specific proposals in the priority areas of cooperation;

Noting also with satisfaction the meeting held by the Secretariats of the two organizations to establish a mechanism of cooperation in the political field;

Recognizing the true need for closer cooperation between the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations System on the one hand and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions on the other in the implementation of the proposals adopted at the coordination meeting of the Focal Points of the principal specialized agencies of the two organizations;

Recalling its previous resolutions and those of the United Nations General Assembly Resolutions on the subject.

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the Report of the Secretary General on the subject.
2. Welcomes the active participation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in the work of the United Nations in order to achieve the objectives and principles of the Charters of the United Nations and of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.
3. Requests the Secretary General in consultation with the Member States to consolidate the mechanism of cooperation with the United Nations system in the common search for solutions to global problems, such as issues of international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization, the elimination of racial discrimination, fundamental human rights and the establishment of a new international economic order.
4. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to broaden the scope of their cooperation with the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its various institutions, particularly by negotiating cooperation agreements, and invites them to multiply the contacts and meetings of the focal points in priority areas of interest to the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.
5. Urges also the United Nations institutions, especially the main agencies, to provide increased technical and other forms of assistance to the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions in order to broaden the scope of their cooperation.
6. Reiterates its appreciation to the Secretary General of the United Nations for his continued efforts to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to serve their mutual interests in the political, economic, social and cultural fields.
7. Requests the OIC Secretary General, in cooperation with the Secretary General of the United Nations, to encourage the convening of sectorial meetings in the priority areas of cooperation.
8. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the OIC Secretary General in the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and expresses the hope that he will continue to strengthen the mechanisms of coordination between the two Organizations.

9. Further expresses appreciation for the progress made in working out mechanisms of cooperation in the political field between the two Organizations and requests that consultations be held between them on a regular basis.

10. Requests the Secretary General to report to the Twenty-sixth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the state of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

11. Decides to include in the agenda of its Twenty-sixth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference".



RESOLUTION NO.3/ 25-ORG

ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE OIC AND INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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),

Welcoming the effort of the Secretary General to establish and maintain excellent cooperation with the relevant international and regional organizations;

Recognizing the excellent cooperation between the OIC and the League of Arab States and especially the symposium they jointly conducted on Al-Quds Al-Sharif in Cairo in March 1995;

Bearing in mind the cordial relationship between the OIC and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) characterized by exchange of views, consultations and reciprocal attendance of each others' Summit and Ministerial Conferences;

Noting the constructive relationship between the OIC and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and the support the OIC receives from NAM especially in its effort to secure a lasting peace in the Middle East;

Also noting the excellent cooperation between the OIC and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) since the two Organizations signed a Cooperation Agreement in September, 1994:

1. Notes with satisfaction the excellent cooperation between the OIC and the League of Arab States and urges the two Organizations to continue to jointly organize seminars and symposia on subjects of common interest to them and which are beneficial to their respective member states.

2. Also notes with satisfaction the efforts of the Secretary General to conclude cooperation agreement with the OAU especially because the majority of the OIC Member States are also members of the OAU.

3. Commends the continuing consultations held by the Secretary General with the Secretaries General of ECO and Arab Maghrib Union and calls upon the Organization to strengthen cooperation with these two Organizations.

4. Calls upon the Secretary General to reinforce the cooperation and understanding he has been able to establish with the Non-Aligned Movement.

5. Invites the Secretary General to maintain and strengthen cooperation and coordination with all the said international and regional Organizations not only for mutual benefit but also for the well-being of the Member States and the Islamic World at large.

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



RESOLUTION NO. 4/25-ORG

ON

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ORGANISATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC) AND THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANISATION (ECO)

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),

Recalling the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) signed between OIC and the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) at New York on 30 September 1994 granting observer status to each other on reciprocal basis;

Recalling further the MOU signed between Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the ECO on 7th July 1993, in order to provide general framework to facilitate cooperation between the ECO and the Bank to promote sustained economic and social development of the States of Common Membership;

Bearing in mind the enlargement of ECO from 3 to 10 Member States in 1992 and the revision of the Treaty of Izmir (the basic Charter) in 1996 which will consolidate intra-regional cooperation, consultation and coordination in order to enhance economic, social and cultural development and also the ongoing measures aimed at the re-organisation and restructuring of ECO;

Convinced that the development and strengthening of their cooperation would be of mutual benefits to both Organisations, enhance cooperation among the States of Common Membership, and bring about better coordination and efficient implementation of their respective programmes:

1. Notes with satisfaction the emphasis laid down in the main ECO Documents such as Quetta Plan of Action, Istanbul Declaration, Economic Cooperation Strategy as well as the Ashgabat Declaration adopted by the latest ECO Summit for meaningful development of economic cooperation in priority areas of transport, communications, trade and energy;
2. Urges the specialised agencies and other affiliated organisations and programmes of the OIC System to continue their advisory services and technical assistance to the Economic Cooperation Organisation and its associated institutions in the attainment of their objectives;
3. Invites the relevant regional and international financial institutions to render favourable consideration to the ECO regional development projects and programmes and to extend all possible assistance and financial support in the implementation of these programmes;
4. Requests the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers to include in the agenda of its future regular meetings the item titled "Cooperation between the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and the Economic Cooperation Organisation";
5. Requests the Secretary General of the OIC to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a progress report thereon to the next session of Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.



RESOLUTION No.5/25-ORG

ON THE ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TWELFTH PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND

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),

Recalling to the provisions of the Charter of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference;

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Statute of the Islamic Solidarity Fund;

Taking note of the Secretary General's report on the election of the members of the ISF Permanent Council as included in document No. ICFM/25-98/ORG/D.1(REV.1);

With reference to the report of the Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council on the Fund's activities;

Noting that the tenure of the current Permanent Council expired on 30 June 1997:

Decides to elect to the membership of the ISF Permanent Council for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1999, the following Member States:

1. Burkina Faso
2. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
3. Kingdom of Morocco
4. United Arab Emirates
5. Republic of Tunisia
6. Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
7. Arab Republic of Egypt
8. Islamic Republic of Pakistan
9. Republic of Turkey
10. State of Kuwait
11. Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
12. Islamic Republic of Iran
13. State of Palestine.



RESOLUTION NO.6/25-ORG

ON THE ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE CONTROL ORGAN

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),

Recalling the provisions of Article 79 of the Financial Regulations of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference constituting the Finance Control Organ, and of Article 81 that the Finance Control Organ shall be composed of eight-Member States to be appointed by the Islamic Conference for two years, renewable;

Noting that the present term of the membership of the Finance Control Organ designated at the Twenty-third Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea in December 1995 is expired:

Decides to appoint the following eight-Member States to compose the Finance Control Organ for a period of two years from 1 July 1998:

1. United Arab Emirates
2. Islamic Republic of Iran
3. Republic of Turkey
4. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
5. State of Qatar
6. State of Kuwait
7. Arab Republic of Egypt
8. Kingdom of Morocco.



RESOLUTION NO.7 /25-ORG

ON THE DATE AND VENUE OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS

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),

Referring to the relevant provisions of the Charter, in particular Articles 5 and 6;

Recalling the rules of procedure for the meetings of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, particularly rules 2 and 9 concerning the convening of the Conference and the role of the General Secretariat;

Recalling also the relevant provisions of Resolution No. 1/19/ORG on the functioning of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, its subsidiary organs and specialized and affiliated institutions, and notably its paragraph 17, setting the third week of the month of April of each year for holding the regular sessions of the Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers;

Having noted with appreciation the offer made by the Government of Burkina Faso to host the Twenty-sixth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers:

1. Expresses its deep gratitude to the Government of Burkina Faso for its generous offer.
2. Decides that the Twenty-sixth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers will be held in Burkina Faso in 1999 at a date to be fixed through consultations between the host country and the Secretary General.
3. Requests the Secretary General, in accordance with the prevailing technical, administrative and financial arrangements and in consultation with the Government of Burkina Faso to take the necessary steps for convening the Twenty-sixth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the scheduled date.