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## **REPORT OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

The Cultural Affairs Committee of the Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers met in Cairo on 9-13 Muharram 1411H (31 July to 4 August, 1990) to examine the items related to Cultural Affairs in the Agenda of the Conference and to prepare the Resolutions on Cultural items to be submitted for approval to the Plenary Session of the Conference.

2. H.E. Ambassador Mokhlis Gobba, Arab Republic of Egypt was elected as Chairman of the Committee. In his address, he expressed his warm welcome to the delegations participating in the Committee and wished them success in their deliberations.

3. The delegates expressed their gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Government and people of the Arab Republic of Egypt for hosting the Conference, the warm hospitality and to their continued commitment

to the service of Islam.

4. The following States were elected to the membership of the Bureau of the Committee:

Vice Chairmen: - Senegal, Turkey and Palestine

Rapporteur: - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

5. The General Secretariat was represented by H.E. Ambassador Mohammad Mohsin, Assistant Secretary General for Cultural and Social Affairs and Information.

6. The Committee invited the heads of the OIC subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated bodies and their delegates to participate in the deliberations of the Committee.

7. The members of the Committee examined each item on the agenda separately, after hearing the explanations of each item, given, where necessary, by the General Secretariat and the heads of the OIC Cultural and Social Organs. Their efforts to achieve the results were appreciated.

8. The Committee then reviewed the annual report of the Islamic Solidarity Fund and its Waqf. The Committee heard with great interest the exhaustive expose of H.E. Ambassador Nasir bin Abdullah bin Hamdan, Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund.

9. The Committee heard with interest the representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt regarding the continued support of Al-Azhar Al-Shareef to strengthen its relations with the Islamic Universities established by the OIC and other Islamic Universities, and urged these Islamic Universities to work to that end considering the usefulness of such cooperation for the service of Islam.

10. The Committee expressed concern that some of the cultural institutions, Centers and universities established by the OIC in some Muslim States are not functional or are facing difficulties. There was a general consensus that the Member States need to accord priority to the OIC projects as the decisions to establish them have been taken at the highest level with the objective of attaining the objectives as envisaged in the Charter. The necessity is now even more in view of the challenges faced by the Muslim World.

11. The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers having been named as the Conference of "Peace, Interdependence and Development" enjoins the Muslims to work dedicatedly to achieve the envisaged objectives as culture is also an essential part of all activities relating to human attitudes and behavior.

12. The Committee also considered that a Waqf be created for the Islamic Universities so that the Universities which are important Centers for development of human resources do not face financial difficulties and are able to function and develop their facilities.

13. The Committee considered the report presented by the representative of Indonesia regarding the restorations of the historic Demak Mosque in Indonesia. Out of the estimated budget of US\$ 4.3 million for the reconstruction of the Mosque, the Government of Indonesia provided US\$ 3.1 million which was spent to renovate the main building. The remaining US\$ 1.2 million expected to be generated from the Islamic Solidarity Fund and Member States is still needed to continue restoration works on the rest of the project which

has virtually stopped due to shortage of funds. The Member States, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and other Islamic institutions may consider granting funds for the renovation of the remaining part of the project.

14. The representative of Afghanistan drew attention of the Committee to the grave situation faced by the Afghan people in all respects, including lack of educational facilities for the Afghan people. The need is to provide more educational facilities at all levels of education. The Committee shared concern on the situation and while urging assistance to provide education, approved that the statement of the representative of Afghanistan be annexed to this Report.

15. The Committee welcomed the offer made by Al-Azhar Al-Shareef to establish cooperation between the Sunnah and Seerah Center of Al-Azhar with the efforts of the OIC to coordinate international efforts in this regard.

16. At the conclusion of its working sessions, the Committee approved the RESOLUTIONS appended to the present report, in their final form.

17. A spirit of Islamic brotherhood and total solidarity prevailed throughout the deliberations and discussions in the meetings of the Committee which greatly contributed to the smooth progress of the Committee's work.

18. At the end of the Committee's meeting, Their Excellencies, the representatives of United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Islamic Republic of Pakistan took the floor to express the appreciation to the Committee members, and to the Chairman of the Committee for the wisdom, high competence and skill with which he conducted the proceedings.

19. His Excellency the Chairman then expressed his warm thanks to all the members of the Committee for the atmosphere of brotherhood that prevailed during the meetings, and for their thorough understanding of the subjects studied and discussed, which contributed to the successful completion of the Committee's work within the allotted time.

20. The Committee further expressed its deep appreciation of the commendable efforts of the General Secretariat in preparing the documents and submitting them to the Committee and in making a valuable contribution to its work.

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Bismillahi Al-Rahman Al-Rahim

Statement of Afghanistan

Mr. Chairman of the Cultural Committee of the Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,

Peace and Blessings of the Almighty be upon you.

Reviewing the agenda of the Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, we noted that it did not comprise an item on the education needs of the sons of the Afghan people. It was therefore necessary to draw the attention of the members of the committee to this

issue, so that they may adopt a resolution befitting the standing of the Afghan nation which is an integral part of the Islamic Ummah.

Afghanistan, after 12 years of armed struggle against the Soviet aggression, is in dire need of the basic necessities of life, particularly education in the various fields.

Afghanistan was devastated by this war and is in dire need of assistance in the educational field, particularly within Afghanistan, because 90% of the country was liberated, under the leadership of the Mujahideen.

It is well known that the Mujahideen cannot solve the education problem of these areas and its inhabitants.

We hope and request the committee to recommend and propose the following to the Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers:

1. Provide adequate assistance for the education of the Afghan generation, within Afghanistan, through the interim Islamic Afghan Government, to set up new schools and consolidate those existing at the various levels. Otherwise, whether we like it or not, this generation which has been wronged shall remain in a state of illiteracy, which is incompatible with Islam, the religion of dignity and science, turning against us and falling prey to the enemies of Islam, who are very active among the Afghani, through institutions set up under the pretext of assistance by non-Islamic nations.
2. Provide the assistance needed to the University of Al-Da'wa and Al-Jihad, established six years ago by the emigrants in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, which teaches various disciplines. It now has five faculties: Shari'a, Usul-al-Din, Medicine, Engineering and Theology. Some 1100 students are enrolled in the university, which has a teaching corps of over 100. Two classes have already graduated last year and this year from the faculties of Shari'a and Usul-al-Din.

The University has since four years, been member of the Federation of Islamic Universities and its Executive Council for the current year.

At the section of Fiqh and Hadith, the University had started a year ago, Postgraduate courses at Masters level.

Kindly accept our sincere commitment to the cause of Islam and the Islamic Ummah.

Bashir Slam Hakmal  
Member of the Afghan delegation

## **RESOLUTIONS ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1/19-C**

#### **ON THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN NIGER**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the previous resolutions of the Islamic Conferences and the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs on the Islamic University in Niger;

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the Government of Niger, the General Secretariat and the Board of Trustees of the University for the smooth functioning of the Islamic University of Niger particularly for the opening of the First Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language;

Expressing its gratitude and thanks to Member States, Al-Azhar Al-Shareef, the Islamic Development Bank, Rabitah Al-Alam Al-Islami, International Islamic Charitable Foundation, Kuwait, Islamic Da'wa Association, Libya, Islamic Solidarity Fund and all those who extended support and assistance for the establishment and functioning of the University;

Having considered the Report submitted by the Secretary General on the Islamic University in Niger;

Conscious of the need for procuring for the University regular financial resources and necessary educational and material support;

1. Emphasizes the importance of the Islamic University in Niger for the spreading of Islamic culture and Arabic language in West Africa as well as to meet the teaching needs, religious education and training of West African population.

2. Appeals to the Member States, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the Islamic Development Bank, the Rabitah Al-Alam Al-Islami, the International Islamic Charitable Foundation and other Islamic institutions to provide on regular basis, financial support to the annual budget of the Islamic University in Niger as well as the required educational and material support.

3. Appreciates the efforts made by the Board of Trustees of the University to keep the University functional, despite financial difficulties.

4. Recommends that the Board of Trustees of the University seek to solve on a permanent basis the financial, academic and administrative problems facing the University and to consider necessary changes in the University Statutes to ensure its daily administrative functioning.

5. Requests the Islamic Development Bank, the International Islamic Charitable Foundation, Kuwait, the Islamic Da'wa Association, Libya, the Rabitah Al-Alam Al-Islami, Islamic Solidarity Fund and other Islamic institutions to give financial and material support for completion of the remaining phases of the project, including the establishment of the Polytechnic Faculty, which is already provided for in the Expansion plans of the University.

6. Approves the new composition of Board of Trustees of the University, comprising the following:-

1. Dr. Abdullah bin Abdul Mohsin Al-Turki, - Chairman
2. Sheikh Yusuf Jassim Al-Hijji

3. Dr. Mohammad Ahmad Al-Sharif
4. Dr. Kayed Abdul Haq
5. Dr. Djibo Hammani
6. Mr. Sheikh Omar Ismail
7. Mr. Hassan Igodoe
8. Mr. Alqasim Al-Bayaki
9. Mr. Ibadir Thiam
10. Dr. Mohammad bin Bashir
11. Dr. Abdul Jalil Shallaby

The ex-officio members are:-

-Secretary General of the OIC or his representative.

-Chairman of the Permanent Council of ISF or his representative.

-Rector of the Islamic University in Niger.

-A Faculty member of the Islamic University in Niger.

7. Entrusts the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and to submit a report to the next Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2/19-C**

### **ON THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN UGANDA**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the various Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and Foreign Ministers Conferences, particularly Resolution 2/18-C of the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the recommendations of the Fifteenth Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs on the Islamic University project in Uganda;

Taking note of the signing of the Agreement on the establishment, status and immunity of the Islamic University in Uganda, between the Government of Uganda and the OIC;

Expressing its appreciation of the resolve of the Government of Uganda to pursue the implementation of the project;

Also expressing satisfaction at the efforts made by the OIC-Uganda Joint Committee for the starting of courses at the University;

Noting the establishment of the University Council and its efforts for further expansion of the University;

Expressing its gratitude to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, the International Islamic Charitable Foundation, Kuwait, the Islamic Da'wah Association, Libya, Islamic Solidarity Fund and the Islamic Committee for International Crescent, and other Islamic institutions for their generous support to the University;

Having considered the Report submitted by the Secretary General on the Islamic University in Uganda;

1. Requests the General Secretariat and the University Council to complete the study on the minimum financial and material requirements for realizing the goals and objectives of this University.
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Uganda for the facilities and assistance given to the University and to all those Member States which have made contribution to it.
3. Calls upon the University Council to ensure the smooth functioning of the University in accordance with its Statute and the Headquarters Agreement concluded between the Government of Uganda and the OIC.
4. Appeals to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, the Rabitah Al-Alam Al-Islami, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the Islamic Charitable Foundation, the Islamic Da'wa Association, the Universities in Member States and other Institutions to provide material and financial assistance for the annual budget and the expansion of the Islamic University in Uganda.
5. Requests the Government of the Republic of Uganda to finalize promulgation of the Organic Law establishing the Islamic University in Uganda.
6. Requests the Secretary General to follow up this Resolution and to submit a report to the next Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 3/19-C**

#### **ON THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN MALAYSIA**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the previous Islamic Conferences on the International Islamic University in Malaysia;

Taking note of the recommendations made by the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Also taking note of the continuing satisfactory progress of this University;

Expressing appreciation to the Government of Malaysia for its continued financial and other support towards the operating expenses of the University and the construction of a new campus;

Also expressing appreciation to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank and other Islamic institutions which have extended moral and material assistance to the University;

Having considered the report submitted by the Secretary General on this subject;



1. Requests the OIC General Secretariat, all its organs, the Rabitah Al-Alam Al-Islami and the Member States to further contribute to the progress and development of the International Islamic University in Malaysia so that it can further increase its capacity and use all its potential to achieve its objectives.
2. Calls on all Member States which have not yet concluded Agreements of Co-sponsorship of this University, within the framework of their bilateral cooperation with Malaysia, to do so at an early date.
3. Requests all Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and other Islamic institutions to continue to support this University by extending material, financial and any other relevant assistance such as curricula, teachers and scholarships to enable more students to pursue their studies at this University.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 4/19-C**

#### **ON THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN BANGLADESH**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the various resolutions adopted by the previous Islamic Conferences on the Islamic University in Bangladesh;

Taking note of the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Noting the progress so far achieved towards the establishment of this University, and the execution of other necessary works;

Having considered the report submitted by the Secretary General on this subject;

1. Appreciates the steps taken by the People's Republic of Bangladesh to establish the University, meet its operating expenses, and construct a new campus to accommodate more students;
2. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States and Islamic institutions which have extended assistance to the University project.
3. Urges all Member States and Islamic financial institutions to provide adequate academic and financial assistance to the University so it can achieve its objectives.
4. Requests the General Secretariat to pursue its contacts with the People's Republic of Bangladesh and to follow-up the implementation of the project.
5. Requests the General Secretariat to seek academic assistance from Universities in Member States for the Islamic University in Bangladesh through secondment of teachers and provision of scholarships and books.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 5/19-C**

### **ON THE TWINNING OF PALESTINIAN UNIVERSITIES IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES WITH UNIVERSITIES IN THE OIC MEMBER STATES**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9 to 14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Proceeding from the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

Reaffirming the need for sustained enhancement of Islamic solidarity and the commitment of Islamic States to the just cause of the Arab people in Palestine;

Reaffirming the important and essential role of universities and institutes in the occupied Palestinian territories and the strategic role they play at national and academic levels in the development of the struggle;

Expressing its deep concern over the serious situation of schools, universities and institutes, due to their being subject to closure under various pretexts, which deprives Palestinian students of their basic right to education;

1. Invites the Member States to encourage their universities, within their laws and regulations, to examine the possibility to sign twinning instruments between them and universities and institutes in the occupied Palestinian territories, and to extend assistance to them so they can hold out and continue to carry out their duties at national and academic levels.
2. Invites the Member States to open to the maximum extent possible their institutes and universities to Palestinian students.
3. Calls upon the Member States to facilitate the setting up of branches of Al-Quds Open University in their countries and to extend support to such branches.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 6/19-C**

### **ON PROPOSED NEW CAMPUS OF AL-ZEITOUNA UNIVERSITY, TUNIS**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development) held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9 to 14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Appreciating the leading and uninterrupted role played by Al-Zeitouna University in the dissemination of Islam and offering its services to Muslims since its inception in the Second Century AH;

Expressing satisfaction over the efforts rendered by the Government of Tunisia with the aim of developing and supporting this University by building a new campus;

Having considered the Report submitted by the Secretary General on this subject;

1. Expresses support for the construction of a new campus to enable the University to expand its educational and cultural role and implement the construction of the new campus.
2. Urges the Member States, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic institutions to extend financial, material and moral support to erect the new campus within the limits of the sum of Tunisian Dinars 8.85 million (approx. US\$ 8 million) budgeted for that purpose.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 7/19-C**

#### **ON KING FAISAL MOSQUE IN N'DJAMENA, CHAD**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the previous Islamic Conferences on King Faisal Mosque in N'djamena, Republic of Chad;

Having taken note of the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Having considered the Report submitted by the Secretary General on this subject;

1. Reiterates that in view of the pressing need for the educational and social services provided by this Islamic institution, King Faisal Mosque is one of the Islamic educational institutions that needs special attention on the part of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.
2. Requests the Government of the Republic of Chad and the General Secretariat to prepare the technical study and cost estimates needed for the rehabilitation of the Mosque and its annexes and to communicate it to Member States.
3. Urges all Member States and Islamic Institutions to contribute towards the restoration and furnishing of the Mosque and its annexes.
4. Requests all Member States and Islamic institutions to contribute financially to the maximum extent possible to this institution and to provide it with curricula, teachers and scholarships for the graduates of the Institute to enable them to pursue their higher studies in other Islamic Universities.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 8/19-C**

#### **ON THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF ISLAMIC STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN TIMBUKTU, MALI**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the various resolutions adopted by the previous Islamic Conferences on the Regional Institute of Islamic Studies and Research in Timbuktu, Mali;

Having taken note of the recommendations made by the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Welcoming the efforts being made by the Government of the Republic of Mali and the General Secretariat for the implementation of the project;

Having considered the Report submitted by the Secretary General on this subject;

1. Appeals to all Member States, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and other Islamic institutions to continue providing material support to the Regional Institute of Islamic Studies and Research in Timbuktu so that it can achieve its objectives.

2. Calls upon the Member States which have technical facilities in the fields of conservation and restoration of manuscripts to provide scholarships to the officials of the Institute to enhance their competence in these fields.

3. Urges the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and the Research Center for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA) to provide greater attention to the Institute and to give to it the necessary technical assistance so that it can continue to carry out its functions.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 9/19-C**

#### **ON THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION (RICE) ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the previous Islamic Conferences on the teaching of Arabic Language and the spreading of Islamic culture;

Considering that the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers re-emphasized the need to promote and spread the Arabic language and Islamic culture in the non-Arabic speaking Asian countries, and to establish the Regional Institute for Complementary Education (RICE) in Pakistan as soon as possible;

Further considering that the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference reiterated the importance of establishing this Institute;

Taking note of the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Having considered the Report submitted by the Secretary General on this subject;

1. Emphasizes once again, the importance of establishing the Regional Institute for Complementary Education (RICE) in Islamabad, Pakistan, and of propagating and promoting the teaching of Arabic language and Islamic culture in non-Arabic speaking Asian countries.
2. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the Government of Pakistan to establish this Institute and for the financial and other significant contributions it has made to the project.
3. Appeals to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the World Federation of International Arab Islamic Schools to contribute generously towards this project.
4. Requests the Secretary General to actively follow up this project and to submit a report thereon to the Twentieth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 10/19-C**

#### **ON THE ISLAMIC CENTER IN GUINEA-BISSAU**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the resolutions of the previous Islamic Conferences on the Islamic Center in Guinea-Bissau;

Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Having considered the Report submitted by the Secretary General on the subject;

1. Expresses its satisfaction on the commencement of the implementation of the project of the Islamic Center in Guinea-Bissau.
2. Requests the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and the General Secretariat to continue their coordination with a view to completion of the ongoing construction of the Mosque in Bissau, within the limits of the financial resources currently available.
3. Expresses warm thanks and deep appreciation to the Member States and Islamic institutions which have extended financial assistance to the Center.
4. Appeals to all Member States, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic institutions to provide financial and material assistance to the project of the Islamic Center in Guinea-Bissau.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 11/19-C**

#### **ON THE ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTER IN MORONI, ISLAMIC FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF COMOROS**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the various resolutions adopted by the previous Islamic Conferences on the establishment of an Islamic Cultural Center in Moroni, Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros;

Considering the need of the Muslim people of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros for the establishment of such a Center;

Taking note of the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs and the resolutions of the Islamic Conference of Ministers for Culture;

Having considered the Report submitted by the Secretary General on this subject;

1. Requests the General Secretariat to continue its coordination with the Government of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros with a view to overcoming the difficulties hindering the establishment of the Islamic Cultural Center in Moroni.
2. Expresses its appreciation and sincere thanks to Pakistan, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the Islamic Dawa Association, Libya, which have extended financial assistance to the Center.
3. Urges all Member States and the Islamic institutions to extend every possible assistance to this project.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 12/19-C**

### **ON THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Considering the resolutions of the previous Islamic Conferences and the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Conscious of the growing necessity for Muslims all over the world to promote Islamic revival and to create societies based on the Islamic principles of peace, justice and equality for all mankind;

Convinced that these objectives can be achieved with the participation of all Muslims, including Muslim Women who constitute half the Islamic Ummah;

Noting with appreciation the draft Charter prepared by the General Secretariat, on the basis of the report of the OIC Committee of Experts on this question;

Having considered the Report submitted by the Secretary General on this subject;

1. Requests the General Secretariat to hold further consultations among Member States

regarding the proposal for the establishment of an International Islamic Women's Organization.

2. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the subject of the establishment of the International Islamic Women's Organization and to submit a report thereon to the Twentieth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 13/19-C**

#### **ON PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SUDANESE-CHADIAN FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL, N'DJAMENA**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9 to 14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Acknowledging the good work done by the Sudanese-Chadian Friendship School in disseminating Islamic studies and Arabic language;

Recognizing the need to expand the School to enable enrollment of more students;

Expressing satisfaction over the efforts made by the Government of Sudan in initially establishing the School and then expanding it to impart teaching to 900 students;

Having considered the Report submitted by the Secretary General on this subject;

1. Expresses satisfaction on the progress achieved by the School.
2. Expresses its support for the expansion of the School in order to impart teaching of Islamic studies and Arabic language to more children.
3. Requests the Member States and Islamic institutions to extend financial, material and moral support to enable the School to expand its valuable services.
4. Requests the General Secretariat to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and report to the next Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 14/19-C**

#### **ON THE RESEARCH CENTER FOR ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE (IRCICA) ISTANBUL**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the resolutions of previous Islamic Conferences on the Research Center for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA) in Istanbul;

Having noted the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Having considered the report of the Director General of the Center on the Center's activities and future plans:

1. Commends the efforts of the Center reflected in its pioneering accomplishments.
2. Approves the Report which includes the activities and the plan of action of the Center.
3. Expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the host country (The Republic of Turkey) for the financial, material and moral support it has constantly extended to the Center thus enabling it to carry out its functions in a satisfactory manner.
4. Calls upon the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank as well as other institutions and philanthropists in the Muslim world to maintain their assistance to the Center, and expresses its thanks to all those who have extended their help to it;
5. Expresses satisfaction at the document prepared by the Center on the "Cultural Dimensions of Development in the OIC Member States" in accordance with Resolution 22/17-C of the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and urges Member States to review it and send their comments to the Center for the preparation of the final document.
6. Calls upon the Member States to pay their contributions to the budget of the Center on a regular basis and settle their arrears so that it can implement its current and future plans of action.
7. Calls upon Member States, Islamic institutions and personalities, to extend moral, financial and material assistance to the Waqf established by the Center to ensure the continuity of its activities.
8. Congratulates the Center on its Tenth Anniversary and on its success in fulfilling its objectives, and invites the States who desire to participate in the celebration of this anniversary by the Center.
9. Recommends the following membership of the Governing Council:
  1. Dr. Ihsan Dogramace
  2. Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Sherif
  3. Dr. Ahmed Issa
  4. Dr. Al-Sheikh Moussa Al-Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah
  5. Raja Fouzia bint Raja Tun Uda
  6. Dr. Abdellah Hassan Mesry
  7. Dr. Afif Bahnassy
  8. Dr. Omar Jah
  9. Dr. Gulzar Haidar
  10. Dr. Mohammad Sherif Ahmad.



## **RESOLUTION NO. 15/19-C**

### **ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE ISLAMIC CULTURAL HERITAGE (ICPICH) RIYADH**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the resolutions of previous Islamic Conferences on the International Commission for the Preservation of the Islamic Cultural Heritage;

Recalling the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Taking note of the report submitted by the representative of the Chairman of the Commission on the Commission's activities and future plans:

1. Approves of the report of the International Commission for the preservation of the Islamic Cultural Heritage comprising its plan of action.
2. Expresses its satisfaction at the Programs carried out by the Commission, in the context of the "Islamic Heritage Year", in particular the "Second International Competition for Calligraphy", and the First International Competition for Photography, on the Islamic Heritage, and expresses its thanks to the Member States who contributed to the success of the "Islamic Heritage Year" 1410H (1989-90).
3. Invites Member States to continue to accord attention to the Islamic Heritage.
4. Urges Member States to regularly pay their contributions and settle their arrears.
5. Expresses its gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz for his sponsorship and support of the activities of the International Commission for the Preservation of the Islamic Heritage.
6. Expresses its appreciation to the Chairman of the Commission, His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz for the effort he exerts to secure the objectives of the Commission and follow up the extensive activities it undertook for the celebration of the "Islamic Heritage Year".
7. Approves the following composition of the Commission:
  1. His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz.
  2. Prof. Abdul Hadi Boutalib
  3. Mr. Hassan Abdul Djalil
  4. Dr. Shauki Sha'ath.
  5. Dr. Abdul Aziz Salem.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 16/19-C**

## **ON THE ISLAMIC FIQH ACADEMY**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the previous Islamic Conferences in connection with the Islamic Fiqh Academy;

Reaffirming the Statute of the Academy, its goals and purposes, and the general plan adopted by the Academy Council at its first session held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah for unifying the Muslim Ummah and closing its ranks so that it may remain impregnable through its faith, enlightened with its Shariah, constantly strong and able to meet present-day challenges and face contemporary problems;

Expressing its appreciation of the resolutions, recommendations and religious interpretation efforts adopted by the Academy at its six sessions held in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the State of Kuwait;

Closely following the activities and achievements of the Academy as presented in its Report, with particular reference to the period following the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Commending the Academy's sustained efforts to implement its various projects, foremost among which are the Fiqh Encyclopaedia of Economic Affairs and Dealings, the Comprehensive Index of Fiqh rules, the heritage revival projects, the Glossary of Fiqh terminology, the simplification of Fiqh, as well as its valuable efforts exerted in the exercise of the functions previously assigned to the Islamic International Law Commission, pursuant to the resolutions adopted by the Academy at its Fifth Session held in Kuwait in conformity with the referral of the assignment as decided by the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Expressing satisfaction at the efforts of the Academy in convening scholarly seminars, conferences and meetings jointly with Islamic Organizations and institutions of Member States, as well as its sustained endeavors to enhance cooperation with relevant Universities and institutes.

1. Expresses its deep satisfaction at the valuable scholarly achievements of the Academy and its efforts to enlighten Muslims on the fundamentals of their religion and on various aspects of Shari'ah through research studies, resolutions, recommendations and the Fiqh interpretation contained in the annual Journal of the Islamic Fiqh Academy.

2. Notes with appreciation the unceasing efforts of the Council and General Secretariat of the Academy which are designed to achieve the lofty Islamic goals and objectives.

3. Calls upon the Academy to:

-Intensify and multiply its scholarly endeavors,

-pursue its dialogue with ulema, researchers, thinkers, experts and specialists,

-continue to coordinate in all fields of research and study with the relevant institutions,

universities, and regional Islamic Organizations of the Member States.

-to organize legal and juridical seminars which seek to classify the Islamic position towards the "Decade for Peace and International Rights".

4. Urges the Member States to discharge their financial obligations towards the Academy.

5. Also urges the Member States to increase their support to the Islamic Fiqh Academy its scholarly mission, activities and accomplishments, and for its noble goals and objectives, and to boost its material potential, in order to enable it to pursue its noble mission, to meet present-day challenges and face contemporary problems, and to serve the best interests of our pure religion and Muslim Ummah.

6. Expresses deep gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz for generously extending material and moral support to the Islamic Fiqh Academy.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 17/19-C**

#### **ON THE ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO) RABAT**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling Resolution 15/18-CS of the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Also recalling Resolution 2/5-C(I.S.) of the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference;

Further recalling the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Taking note of the Report submitted by ISESCO:

1. Commends the great achievements accomplished by the Organization in educational, scientific and cultural fields and requests it to pursue its great efforts so as to fulfil its noble objectives.

2. Endorses the important project drawn up by the Organization to eradicate illiteracy and provide basic training, that was approved by the Second Extraordinary Session of its General Conference and by the World Conference on Education for All which were both held in Jomtien, Thailand, in March 1990, and calls upon Member States to provide the Organization with the assistance needed and the essential facilities that it requires to implement this vital project.

3. Urges Member States that have as yet not adhered to the membership of the Organization to do so, as early as possible.

4. Requests all Member States to participate in the Programs and projects of ISESCO.

5. Urges Member States that have as yet not settled their contributions to the budget of the

Organization to honor their financial obligations to enable the Organization to implement its Programs of work and carry out its educational, scientific and cultural projects and Programs.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 18/19-C**

#### **ON THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY SPORTS FEDERATION, (ISSF)**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the resolutions of the previous Islamic Conferences on the activities of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation;

Recalling the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs:

Having considered the Report submitted by the Secretary General on this subject;

1. Urges Member States to take active interest in all future activities of the Federation, as well as in the forthcoming Tournaments of Islamic Solidarity Games and particularly in organizing their first round under the sponsorship of the Federation.
2. Expresses its appreciation and gratitude to His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz, President of the General Presidency of Youth Welfare in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for his interest and care for the activities of Sports Federation of Islamic Solidarity Games aimed at furthering its noble objectives.
3. Appeals to Member States to honor their obligations to enable the Federation to carry out its activities.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 19/19-C**

#### **ON THE ISLAMIC COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRESCENT, BENGHAZI**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9 to 14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the various resolutions of the previous Islamic Conferences, in particular resolution 17/18-C of the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent;

Having taken cognizance of the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Considering the report of the Chairman of the Committee on its Eighth Meeting held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, in Rabi Al-Akhir 1410H (November 1989);

Convinced of the important role which should be assumed by the Committee in the humanitarian and relief field;

Taking note with appreciation of the signing of the Headquarters Agreement between the General Secretariat and the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya;

Expressing its deep gratitude to the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for the material support it has extended and the administrative and logistic facilities it continues to extend to the Committee for establishing the Headquarters in Benghazi;

Expresses gratitude to the Committee for providing medicines worth US\$ 30,000 to the Islamic University in Uganda;

Further expressing its appreciation to the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for donating US\$ two million to enable the Committee to further enhance its humanitarian and relief work;

Having considered the Report submitted by the Secretary General on this subject;

1. Urges the Member States which have not yet signed and ratified the Agreement of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent to do so at an early date so that the Committee may start its functions and accomplish its noble aims.
2. Calls upon all Member States to support the efforts of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent during its formative phase and to provide it with moral and material support.
3. Calls upon Member States and institutions in the Islamic world to support the practical Program for mother and child care in the Muslim family and to contribute to the consolidation of the Program of Assistance to the Refugees in the Muslim world in accordance with its pressing priorities, on a voluntary basis.
4. Requests the Islamic Solidarity Fund and other Islamic institutions to contribute to the financing of the health and social Programs of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent in the areas of the Islamic world where they are most urgently needed.
5. Approves the Report of the Eighth Meeting of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 20/19-C**

### **ON THE ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS OF WORLD FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ARABIC ISLAMIC SCHOOLS**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Having considered the report submitted by the World Federation of International Arabic Islamic Schools;

Having taken cognizance of the list of the Federation's projects for the assistance of the Afghan Mujahideen in curriculum development, training of teachers, and printing of text books for the various grades in the Afghan schools which had been drawn up with the participation of the Afghan Organizations and to support implementation of the teachers' training course in Kelantan, Malaysia:

1. Urges the Governments of Member States, the General Secretariat, and Islamic Organizations, to support the plans of the Federation in this field and to extend every possible assistance for their implementation.
2. Calls on the universities and scientific and cultural institutions in Member States to participate in the implementation of the project for the establishment of an open education institution in Khartoum so as to enable Islamic School students to continue their studies with a view to admission to those universities or to obtain officially recognized certificates; and also to prepare and develop curricula based on Islamic principles, for the primary, intermediate and secondary stages.
3. Emphasizes the need to support the World Council for Islamic Schools Examinations, which has been set up jointly by the Federation and the League of Islamic Universities to place the examinations of private Islamic schools under the supervision of reputable Islamic Universities.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 21/19-C**

#### **ON THE UNIFIED STAND ON SACRILEGIOUS ACTS AGAINST ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES AND VALUES**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9 to 14 Muharram, 14H (31st July - 5th August 1990),

Inspired by the heavenly teachings of the Holy Quran and the True Islamic religion, the religion of mercy, brotherhood, selflessness, justice and is an assurance of a good life for the Islamic community and mankind at large;

Emphasizing the profound veneration of the Muslims for the Messenger of Islam, Mohamed (God's prayers and peace be upon him), the Holy Quran, the prophets, the angels, the revered members of the prophet's family, descendants and companions and the three Holy Mosques, the Holy Mosque at Makkah Al-Mukarramah, the Holy Mosque at Madina Al Munawwara and the Holy Mosque of Al Aqsa and all the other Islamic holy places;

Convinced that the teachings of the most venerable Prophet and the ordinances of the Holy Quran as well as the sound Islamic systems provide the best guarantee for the good life, happiness, complementarity and successes of human society on earth and in the hereafter.

Declaring that according to the foundations of the Islamic creed, sacrifice for the sake of preserving the sanctity of Islamic holy places, are dearest and most sublime than any thing else, and stressing its absolute conviction that it is incumbent upon it to fulfil its Islamic duty by adopting a firm attitude towards those who belittle the beliefs of the Muslims religion.

Reaffirming and Recalling the special declaration adopted by the 18th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Riyadh on the unified Islamic stand against any insult or blasphemy, and the need to take the necessary measures to combat such acts, as referred to in the above-mentioned declaration;

1. Condemns most vehemently, any individual or governmental stand in support of any insult directed against the sanctities of revealed religions; and take exception to disregarding such insults as are directed against moral and human principles, cultural values and the religious beliefs of the majority of people, under the pretext of allowing the freedom of belief, expression and writing and respect for the principles of non-interference in the internal affairs of other states.
2. Reaffirms that it is the opinion of all the Ulemas that any insult, show of disrespect or slighting of the great prophets, the holy books and the holy Quran, also of the most revered Prophet, his noble family and his devoted companions, constitutes a most sacrilegious act, and those who commit such acts are definitely apostates.
3. Pays tribute to all zealous Muslim and non-Muslim personalities, Centers, organizations and governments who, motivated by their Islamic and human obligation and being aware of their cultural message and moral principles, stood up to such violation of the religious sanctities as of divine religions.
4. Calls on on Member States of the United Nations and all other international organizations to contribute to the preservation of the cultural heritage of all creeds.
5. Urges Member States to request its missions throughout the world, to follow up this important issue and to cooperate and coordinate their activities with the OIC Secretary General in this respect.
6. Requests the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference, through the General Secretariat and through his Assistants to follow up and carefully monitor all suspicious and blasphemous maneuvers directed against Islamic Holy Places in all parts of the world in collaboration with Member States.
7. Commends the efforts of the Ministers of Culture and Information and all affiliated institutions to draw up an Islamic information and cultural strategy aimed at sheltering the Islamic Ummah from enemy propaganda.
8. Urges the Member States to take the necessary measures in respect of publishing houses and their holding companies to ban the publishing and sale of any information material or publications prejudicial to Islam.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 22/19-C**

#### **ON COOPERATION OF THE SEERAH AND SUNNAH CENTER IN AL-AZHAR AL-SHARIF WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9 to 14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Referring to the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and taking cognizance of the proposal made by the Arab Republic of Egypt for cooperation between the Seerah and Sunnah Center of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

Considering the multiplicity of Seerah and Sunnah Centers throughout the world and the great number of conferences they hold on the subject; considering also the long standing history of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, its deep-rooted prestige and vast experience in the field of Seerah and Sunnah studies.

Having heard the expose made by the representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt on cooperation of the Seerah and Sunnah Center in Al-Azhar Al-Sharif with the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

1. Welcomes the proposal made by Al-Azhar Al-Sharif through the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt for using the resources of the Seerah and Sunnah Center in Al-Azhar Al-Sharif to coordinate the efforts made in respect of Seerah and Sunnah research throughout the Islamic World in cooperation with the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

2. Invites the Secretary General to consult with the Arab Republic of Egypt for the achievement of this objective.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 23/19-C**

#### **ON PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ISLAMIC CENTER FOR ADVANCED MEDICAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH IN BANGLADESH.**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9 to 14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the resolutions of Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, recommendations of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs, and the Report of the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Taking note of the Report submitted by the Secretary General on this subject;

Also notes the statement made by the representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh;

Recognizing the keen interest expressed by a number of Member States in the Committee regarding the project;

Reiterating the importance attached to setting up of an Advanced Medical Training and Research Center and its great usefulness to the health sector in OIC Member States.

1. Requests the General Secretariat to continue its on-going contacts with Member States in order to elicit views and comments on the subject with a view to its consideration when the ban on setting up of new institutions is lifted.

2. Also requests the General Secretariat to arrange an evaluation of proposed project



relating to its technical and financial aspects through experts in this field.

3. Requests the General Secretariat to submit a report on the subject to the Twentieth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 24/19-C**

#### **ON THE UNIFIED HIJRI CALENDAR FOR THE BEGINNING OF LUNAR MONTHS AND THE UNIFICATION OF ISLAMIC FESTIVALS**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram, 1411H (31 July to 5 August, 1990),

Recalling the previous resolutions of the Islamic Conferences on the establishment of a unified Hijri Calendar for the beginning of lunar months and for Islamic Festivals;

Taking note of the recommendations of the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General on this subject;

Commending the steps taken by the General Secretariat in support of the action aimed at unifying the Hijri Calendar and the Islamic Festivals:

1. Appeals to all Member States and Islamic institutions to use the time schedules prepared by the Committee on the Unified Hijri Calendar as a basis for their own calendar.
2. Reiterates its call to all Member States to uniformly observe Friday as the weekly holiday and to use the Hijri date.
3. Calls upon all the Member States, the General Secretariat and the Islamic Fiqh Academy to make efforts by jurists in consultation with the astronomers to achieve results for unifying the Hijri Calendar.
4. Reiterates the invitation to the Member States, which have not yet joined the Committee on the Unified Hijri Calendar to do so and to actively participate in its periodic meetings with a view to maximizing coordination among Islamic States in respect of the unification of the beginnings of lunar months and of Islamic Festivals.
5. Thanks the Secretariat of the Committee in the Republic of Turkey for having voluntarily prepared the calendar up to 1413H.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 25/19-C**

#### **ON THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND AND ITS WAQF**

The Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Interdependence and Development), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 9-14 Muharram 1411H (31 July - 5 August 1990).

Recalling Resolution 3/5-D(A) adopted by the Fifth Islamic Summit (Islamic Solidarity Session) held in Kuwait, in 1407H (1987) which stressed the importance of the activities of the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and of its objectives which aim at strengthening the solidarity of the Ummah through its participation in religious, cultural, scientific and social projects and programs, whether in Member States, or for the benefit of Muslim Communities or minorities in non-Member States;

Cognizant of the contents of the report submitted by the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the difficulties encountered by the Fund in financing its budget and implementing its programs over the past seven years;

Recalling Resolution 20/18-D, adopted by the Eighteenth Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 1409H (1989) which expressed deep thanks and appreciation to the Member States which made generous and regular donations to the Fund and its Waqf, invited all Member States to contribute within their means to the Waqf Funds, and requested the States which have announced their contributions to the Waqf Funds to kindly remit these sums into their respective investment accounts at the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah;

Also Recalling resolution (2) D-4/08/88 adopted by the Islamic Fiqh Academy during its fourth session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 1408H (1988) on the payment of Zakat through the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and at which it called upon on Islamic States, Governments, and Institutions to perform their duty in reinforcing the resources of the Fund so as to enable it to realize its noble objectives in the service of the Islamic nation;

Noting with appreciation the achievements of the Islamic Solidarity Fund during the past sixteen years and the necessity of developing the Fund's capabilities and financial potential to be able to effectively affect the civilizational structure of the Islamic Communities;

Recording with satisfaction the realization of an important part (40%) of the Waqf capital of the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and the necessity of working to raise its capital to the amount of one hundred million dollars and which should yield a fixed income enabling the Fund of self-financing its own annual budget, to guarantee the continuity of its noble message;

Expressing its absolute keenness to preserve this important body which is truly considered an honorable symbol of Islamic Solidarity;

1. Affirms the importance of the noble objectives of the Islamic Solidarity Fund considering it an honest symbol expressing joint Islamic will among the Member States and their keen interest for solidarity.
2. Calls upon Member States to initiate offering voluntary annual contributions each according to its capabilities so as to enable the Fund to meet the deficit in its annual budget and overcome the severe financial crisis it has been suffering for years, thus fulfilling its duty towards the Islamic World and to enable it to perform the tasks it has been assigned by the Conference.
3. Also calls upon all Member States to contribute towards the capital of the Waqf, each according to its capacity, and requests those states which have pledged their donations to the Waqf capital to kindly take early action to transfer these amounts to the Waqf Special Investment Account at the Islamic Development Bank.

4. Requests the ISF Permanent Council, in cooperation with the General Secretariat and the Board of Trustees of the Waqf to organize periodic visits to the Islamic countries with the aim of explaining the noble objectives of the Fund and its Waqf and to step up the efforts aimed at urging Member States, Islamic organizations and institutions as well as Muslim personalities and other individuals to make donations and voluntary contributions to the Islamic Solidarity Fund and its Waqf.
5. Charges the ISF Permanent Council in cooperation with the General Secretariat with the task of ensuring ways and means to increase the resources of the Fund and its Waqf, for example, organizing campaigns in Member States to collect donations and Zakat for the Fund in accordance with Resolution No. 20/18-C of the Eighteenth Islamic Conference and the resolution adopted in this regard by the fourth session of the Islamic Fiqh Academy. This is to be carried out in full coordination with the concerned authorities in the Member States which shall appoint the institutions to supervise these campaigns.
6. Extends its thanks and appreciation to the Member States which have made generous and regular donations to the Fund and its Waqf without which the Fund would have not been able to perform its mission in the interest of the Islamic Ummah. Particular reference is made to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia which has kindly paid twenty million dollars to the capital of the Fund's Waqf, the State of Kuwait for US\$ Six million and the State of the United Arab Emirates for US\$ Five million.
7. Requests the Fund to continue maintaining its interest in supporting OIC institutions and organs, as well as major projects in parallel with other types of assistance.
8. Approves the contents of the report of the Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council, and those of the report on the proceedings of the Extraordinary Session of the ISF Permanent Council.
9. Endorses the Permanent Council's approval of the final accounts for financial year 1988/89, and its approval of the estimated resources for the financial year 1989/90.
10. Extends its thanks and appreciation to the Permanent Council and its Chairman and to the Waqf Board of Trustees and its Chairman, as well as to the Executive Department of the Fund, for the efforts they have been making to further the objectives of the Fund and its Waqf.