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REPORT OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Cultural Affairs Committee of the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and So1idarity) met in Riyadh on 7 and 8 Sha'ban, 1409H (14 and 15 March, 1989) to examine the items related to Cultural Affairs in the Agenda of the Conference and to prepare the draft resolutions on Cultural items to be submitted for approval to the Plenary Session of the Conference.

H. E. Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Orayer, Deputy Minister of Higher Education of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia chaired the meeting. In his address, he expressed his warm welcome to the delegations participating in the Committee and wished them success in their deliberations.

The delegates expressed their gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the Conference and to their continued commitment to the service of Islam.

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

Vice Chairmen: Mali, Malaysia and Palestine

Rapporteur: Jordan

The General Secretariat was represented by H. E. Cherif Mohamed Lamin Haidara, Assistant Secretary General for Cultural and Social Affairs and the Islamic Solidarity Fund.

The delegates and heads of the OIC subsidiary organs and affiliated bodies were invited to participate in the deliberations of the Committee.

The members of the Committee examined each item on the agenda separately, after hearing the explanations of each item, submitted, where necessary, by the General Secretariat and the heads of the OIC Cultural and Social organs.

The Committee then reviewed the annual report on the financial situation of the Islamic Solidarity Fund and its Waqf. The Committee heard with great interest the exhaustive expose of Mr. Yousef Mohamed Saleh Al-Awadi, Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund.

The Committee welcomed the Resolutions adopted by the First Islamic Conference of Ministers for Culture in Dakar, in particular the resolution on developing a Cultural Strategy and a Plan of Action for the Muslim World.

The Committee took note of the statement of the Representative of the Republic of Tunisia concerning the role of the Ezzitouna University, Tunis, in disseminating Islam, Islamic culture and Arabic language in Africa. The numerous resolutions of previous Islamic Conferences were recalled, which emphasized the importance of that University.

The Committee heard with interest the representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia regarding the request of the League of Islamic Universities to strengthen its relations with the Islamic Universities established by the OIC, and urged these Islamic Universities to work to that end considering the usefulness of such cooperation.

After hearing a statement by the representative of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh concerning the project proposal for the establishment of an Islamic Centre for Advanced Medical Training and Research, the Committee noted the importance of that project and its great usefulness to the health sector in Islamic States. The Committee entrusted the General Secretariat with the task of continuing its contacts with Member States, in order to elicit their views and comments on the subject with a view to its consideration when the ban on setting up new Institutions is lifted.

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

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 running of the Committee's work.

At the end of the Committee's meeting, Their Excellencies the representatives of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Republic of Senegal 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.

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.

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.

CHAIRMAN

DR. ABDUL AZIZ ORAYER

RESOLUTION NO.1/18-C

ON THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN NIGER

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Sha'ban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Taking note of the previous resolutions of the Islamic Conference, and the recommendations of the First Islamic Conference of Ministers for Culture and the Fourteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social affairs;

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the Government of Niger, the OIC General Secretariat and the Board of Trustees of the University to start with the opening of the First Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language.

Expressing its gratitude and thanks to Member States and all those who extended support and assistance for the establishment of the University;

Having considered the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat on the present situation of the Islamic University in Niger;

Aware of the financial, academic, and administrative difficulties which the University has been facing;

Re-emphasizing the importance of the Islamic University in Niger for the propagation of Islamic culture and Arabic language in West Africa;

Appeals to the Member States, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the Islamic Development Bank, the Muslim World League and other Islamic institutions to give material and financial support to the Islamic University in Niger.

Recommends that the Board of Trustees of the University seek to solve the problems facing the University.

Requests the Islamic Development Bank to give financial support for financing of the remaining phases of the project.

Recommends that the General Secretariat and the Board of Trustees consider the possibility of establishing a Polytechnic Faculty in coordination with the Government of Niger.

RESOLUTION 2/18-C

ON THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN UGANDA

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Sha'ban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the various Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and Foreign Ministers Conferences, particularly Resolution 2/17-C of the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Islamic University project in Uganda;

Taking note of the signing of the Agreement on 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;

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. Calls upon the University Council to overcome all obstacles to the University and to ensure its viability and early operation in accordance with its Statutes and Headquarters Agreement concluded between the Government of Uganda and the OIC.

3. Appeals to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, The Muslim World League, 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.

4. Approves the composition of the University Council which shall consist of the following members:

- 1- Mr. Yusuf Jasim Al-Hijji
President, International Islamic Charitable Foundation, Kuwait.
- 2- Hon. Ali Kirunda-Kivejinja,
Minister of Information, Uganda.

3- The Rector of the Islamic University, Uganda.

4- Dr. Ezzeddine Ibrahim,
Cultural Adviser to the President U.A.E., Abu Dhabi.

5- Dr. Kamal Nagi, Cultural Adviser,
Qatar Ministry of Education, Qatar.

6- Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Al-Sharif,
President, Islamic Dawa Society,
Tripoli, Libya.

7- Minister for Regional Cooperation, Uganda.

8- Minister of Education, Uganda.

9- Prof. Dr. Syed Masoom Ali Tirmizi,
former Vice-chancellor, University of Karachi,
Karachi, Pakistan.

10- Hon. Dr. Salim Ahmad Bachou,
Deputy Minister of Energy, Uganda.

11- Mr. Yasin Brialli, Uganda.

12- Chairman, Uganda Muslim Supreme Council or his representative.

13- The Secretary General of OIC or his representative.

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

15. The Academic Registrar, Islamic University in Uganda.

5- Requests the Government of the Republic of Uganda to finalize the promulgation of the Organic Law establishing the Islamic University in Uganda.

RESOLUTION NO. 3/18-C

ON THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN MALAYSIA

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Sha'ban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference, and the Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers on the International Islamic University in Malaysia;

Taking note of the recommendations made by the First Islamic Conference of Ministers for Culture and the Fourteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Also taking note of the continuing 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 which have extended moral and material assistance to the University;

1. Requests the OIC General Secretariat, all its organs, the Muslim World League and the Member States to further contribute to the progress and development of the International Islamic University in Malaysia so that it can increase its capacity and use all its potential to further 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 solidarity Fund and other Islamic Institutions to support this University according to their means by extending material and other assistance such as curricula, teachers and scholarships to enable students to pursue their studies at this University.

RESOLUTION NO.4/16-C

ON THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN BANGLADESH

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Sha'ban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the various resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and Foreign Ministers Conferences on the Islamic University in Bangladesh;

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

Having considered the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat;

Appreciating the steps taken by the People's Republic of Bangladesh to establish the University;

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

1. Expresses its appreciation to those member states and Islamic institutions which have extended assistance to the University project.
2. Urges all member states and Islamic financial institutions to provide adequate technical assistance and donations to the University so it can achieve its objectives.
3. Requests the General Secretariat to pursue its contacts with the People's Republic of Bangladesh and to follow-up the implementation of the project.
4. Requests the General Secretariat to seek technical assistance from Islamic and Arab Universities through secondment of academics and provision of scholarships and books.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/18-C

ON KING FAISAL MOSQUE IN NDJAMENA, CHAD

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Sha'ban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference, and the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers on King Faisal Mosque in Ndjamen, Republic of Chad;

Having taken note of the recommendations of the First Islamic Conference of Ministers for Culture and the Fourteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Having considered the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat;

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 need special attention on the part of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.
2. Again calls upon the Government of the Republic of Chad and the General Secretariat to prepare the technical study needed for the rehabilitation of the mosque and its annexes and to communicate it to member states.
3. Calls on all member states to raise the funds estimated for the restoration and furnishing of Mosque and its annexes.
4. Requests all member states to contribute to the maximum extent possible to this Institution by providing it with curricula, teachers and scholarships for the graduates of the Institute to enable them to pursue their higher studies.

RESOLUTION 6/18-C

ON THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF ISLAMIC STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN TIMBUCTU, MALI.

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Sha'ban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the various resolutions adopted by the Fifth Islamic Summit and the Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers, particularly Resolution 6/17-C of the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Regional Institute of Islamic Studies and Research in Timbuctu, Mali;

Having taken note of the recommendations made by the First Islamic Conference of Ministers for Culture and the Fourteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Commending 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 explanatory note prepared by the General Secretariat;

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 Timbuctu so 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 and the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture to pay 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 7/18-C

ON THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION (RICE) ISLAMABAD, PAKSITAN

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Sha'ban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989);

Recalling the previous resolutions adopted by the Islamic Conference on the teaching of Arabic Language and the spreading of Islamic Culture;

Considering that the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers re-emphasized the need to promote and propagate 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 consideration that the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference reiterated the importance of establishing this Institute;

Having taken note of the recommendations of the First Islamic Conference of Ministers for Culture and the fourteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Having considered the explanatory note prepared by the General Secretariat;

1. Re-emphasizes 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 of the efforts made by the Government of Pakistan to establish this Institute.
3. Appeals to the Member States, the Islamic Solidarity fund and the World Federation of International Arabic Islamic Schools to contribute generously towards this project.
4. Requests the General Secretariat to actively follow up of this project and to submit a report thereon to the Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION 8/18-C

ON THE ISLAMIC CENTRE IN GUINE-BISSAU

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Shatban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the resolution of the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference and resolution 8/17-C of the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Islamic Centre in Guinea-Bissau;

Taking into consideration the recommendations of the First Islamic Conference of Ministers for Culture and the Fourteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Having considered the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat on the Centre;

1. Calls upon the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and the General Secretariat to continue their coordination with a view to speeding up the implementation of the project

taking into consideration the priority given to the construction of the two mosques after completion of their technical plans within the limits of the financial resources.

2. Expresses warm thanks and deep appreciation to the Member States and Islamic Institutions which have extended financial assistance to the Centre.

RESOLUTION 9/18-C

ON THE ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTRE IN MORONI, ISLAMIC FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF COMOROS

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Sha'ban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the various resolutions adopted by the Conference of Islamic Summit and Foreign Ministers Conferences on the establishment of an Islamic Cultural Centre 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 First Islamic Conference of Ministers for Culture and the Fourteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Having considered the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat on the Centre;

1. Requests the General Secretariat to continue its coordination with the government of the Islamic republic of the Comoros with a view to overcoming the difficulties hindering the establishment of the Islamic Cultural Centre in Moroni.

2. Expresses its appreciation and sincere thanks to the member states and Islamic institutions which have extended financial assistance to the Centre.

3. Urges all member states and the Islamic institutions to extend every possible assistance to this project.

RESOLUTION 10/18-C

ON THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Shatban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Considering the previous resolutions of the Islamic Conference and the recommendations of the Fourteenth 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 ideals 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;

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 General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to follow up the subject of the establishment of the International Women's Organization and to make a report thereon to the Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION 11/18-C

ON THE THE WORLD FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ARABIC ISLAMIC SCHOOLS, THEIR ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Sha'ban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Having considering 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, teacher training 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;

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 12/18-C

ON THE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE, ISTANBUL

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Sha'ban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the various resolutions of Islamic Summit and Foreign Ministers Conferences, in particular Resolution 10/17-C of the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture in Istanbul;

Having noted the recommendations of the First Islamic Conference of Ministers for Culture and the Fourteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Having considered the report of the Director General of the Centre on the Centre's activities and future plans;

1. Commends the efforts of the Centre reflected in its pioneering accomplishments.
2. Approves the aforesaid report which includes the plan of action of the Centre and the report of its Governing council.
3. Expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the host country for the material and moral support it has constantly extended to the Centre thus enabling it to carry out its functions in a satisfactory manner.
4. Extends its thanks to the Islamic Development Bank for having provided the Centre with a Printing Unit.
5. Calls upon the member states to pay their contributions to the budget of the Centre on a regular basis so that it can carry out its current and future plans of action.
6. Calls upon the member states, Islamic Development Bank as well as other institutions and philanthropists in the Muslim world to continue to assist the Centre in furnishing and equipping its newly-restored building as required and expresses its gratitude to all those who have extended their help to the Centre.
7. Commends the document prepared by the Centre 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 appeals to the Member States to review it and send their comments to the Centre for the preparation of the final document.

RESOLUTION 13/18-C

ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ISLAMIC CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Sha'ban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the previous resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, in particular Resolution 11/17-C of the Seventeenth Islamic conference of Foreign Ministers on the International Commission for the Preservation of Islamic Cultural Heritage;

Recalling the recommendations of the First Islamic conference of Ministers for Culture and the fourteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

1. Commends the Commission for having organized the first competition on "King Fahd Award for Design and Research in Islamic Architecture", and the "First International Competition on Calligraphy".
2. Expresses its deep gratitude to His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz, Chairman of the Commission, for his patronage of and guidance to the Commission.
3. Calls upon the Commission to continue coordinating its activities with those undertaken by the member states for the preservation of the Islamic heritage with a view to combining member states' efforts in this field.
4. Expressing satisfaction at the full coordination existing between the Commission and the Istanbul Centre as the executive organ of the Commission.
5. Approves the future Plan of Action contained in the Commission's report.
6. Approves the proposal of the Commission for the establishment of a Waqf to secure financial assistance from member states in addition to their regular contributions to the budget of the Commission with a view to enhancing the activities related to the preservation of Islamic heritage.
7. Calls upon the Secretariat of the Commission to organize in cooperation with the Suleymaniye Library in Istanbul a training course, for specialists in the restoration of manuscripts, for the benefit of Member States which need such a rare expertise.

RESOLUTION 14/18-C

ON THE ISLAMIC FIQH ACADEMY

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Sha'ban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the various resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and Foreign Ministers 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 five 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 Seventeenth 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 resolution 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 endeavours to enhance cooperation with relevant universities and institutes;

1. Expresses deep satisfaction at the valuable scholarly achievements of the Academy and its efforts to enlighten Muslims on the fundamentals of their religion and the purposes of their Shariah through the research studies, resolutions, recommendations and the Fiqh interpretation efforts 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 endeavours;
 - pursue its dialogue with ulema, researchers thinkers, experts and specialists;

- keep up coordination in all fields of research and study with the relevant institutions, universities, and regional Islamic organizations of the member states.
4. Urges the member states to discharge their financial obligations towards the Academy.
 5. Also urges the member states to increase their support to its scholarly mission, activities and accomplishments, to its noble goals and objectives, and to boost as well its material potential, in order to enable it to pursue its noble mission, to meet present-day challenges and face contemporary problems, to serve the best interests of our pure religion and Muslim Ummah.

RESOLUTION 15/18-C

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

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Sha'ban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling resolution 13/17-C of the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Also recalling resolution 2/5-C (IS) of the fifth Islamic summit Conference;

Further recalling the recommendations of the First Islamic Conference of Ministers for Culture and of the Fourteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and social Affairs;

Noting with appreciation the recommendations of the Committee of Experts on coordination between the Subsidiary Organs of the General Secretariat and the OIC affiliated institutions each according to its Statutes as adopted by the Organization of Islamic conference.

Taking note of the report submitted by ISESCO;

1. Commends the ISESCO's (1985-88) Plan of Action in the fields of education, science and culture.
2. Requests the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to examine the possibilities of referring relevant educational, scientific and cultural projects to ISESCO without any prejudice to the activities and autonomy of the centers and other subsidiary organs of the OIC, as envisaged in the establishment of ISESCO and without duplication and of applying coordination in the fields of education, science and culture.
3. Encourages ISESCO to extend financial and technical assistance to the other institutions established by the Organization of the Islamic Conference.
4. Urges the member states that have not yet signed the statute of ISESCO to do so at an early date.

RESOLUTION 16/18-C

ON THE THE SPORTS FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY GAMES

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Shaban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the resolutions of the Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers on the establishment of the Sports Federation of Islamic Solidarity Games;

Recalling the recommendations of the First Islamic Conference of Ministers for Culture and the Fourteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

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, General President of Youth Welfare in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for his interest in, and care for the activities of Sports Federation of Islamic Solidarity Games aimed at furthering its noble objectives.

RESOLUTION 17/18-C

ON THE ISLAMIC COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRESCENT, BENGHAZI

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Shaban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the previous resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, in particular resolution 15/17-C of the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Islamic committee of the International Crescent;

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

Considering the report of the Chairman of the Committee on its Seventh meeting held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in Rabi Al Thani 1409H (December 1988);

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

Appreciating the coordination between the OIC General Secretariat and the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in signing and Headquarters Agreement;

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;

1. Urges the member states which have not yet signed 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 programmes for mother and child care in the Muslim family and to contribute to the consolidation of the Programme 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 to contribute to the financing of the health and social programmes 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 Seventh Meeting of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent.

RESOLUTION 18/18-C

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

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Shaban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the previous resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference 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 First Islamic conference of Ministers for Culture and the fourteenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and social Affairs;

Having considered the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat on this subject and the report of the Seventh Session of the Committee regarding the unification of the Hijri Calendar held in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia, in Dhul Qidah 1407H (June 1987);

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 basic for their own calendar.
2. Calls upon all member states to uniformly observe Friday as the weekly holiday and to use the Hijri date along with the Gregorian date.
3. Calls upon all the member states, the General Secretariat and the Islamic Fiqh Academy to consider the possibility of establishing an advanced observatory in each member state to obtain accurate astronomical results for the unification of the 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. Requests the member states to make suitable arrangements for hosting the Eighth Session of the committee on the Unified Hijri Calendar.

RESOLUTION 19/18-C

ON THE DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROL OF NARCOTICS

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Shaban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference and the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers on Drug Abuse and Narcotics Control;

Noting with satisfaction the encouraging response of the member states regarding implementation of these resolutions in order to completely eliminate the illicit use of drugs and narcotics in Islamic countries;

Noting with deep concern the increase in drug abuse and illicit use of narcotics in the world;

Convinced that drug abuse, besides its grave health problems to drug users, has dangerous consequences on Societies and States;

Recognizing the urgent need for member states to exert systematic and coordinated efforts to eradicate the production and smuggling of drugs and narcotics in the Islamic States, and to cooperate with the international organizations in this regard;

Expressing its satisfaction on the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts which took place in the Republic of Turkey from 18 to 20 October 1988, and of the Report submitted by the General Secretariat in its explanatory note on the subject;

1. Urges the member states to actively follow up the recommendations of the meeting of the Expert Committee in order to take effective actions to combat the multi-dimensional aspects of drugs and narcotics problem including illicit production, processing and trafficking.
2. Appeals to the member states to make efforts to increase cooperation among themselves and with the international community in combating the illicit production, processing and trafficking of drugs and narcotics.
3. Requests the member states to make suitable arrangements for the convening of the next meeting of the Experts Committee so as to enable the General Secretariat to submit a progress report on this question to the Nineteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION 20/1 8-C

ON THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND AND ITS WAQF

The Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Fraternity and Solidarity), held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 6-9 Shaban, 1409H (13-16 March, 1989),

Recalling resolution 3/5-C(I.S.) of the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference (Islamic Solidarity Session) held in Kuwait City in 1407H (1987), which emphasized the importance of the tasks and objectives of the Islamic Solidarity Fund aimed at enhancing the solidarity of the Muslim Ummah through participation in religious, cultural, scientific and social projects and programmes, both in Member States and for the benefit of Muslim communities and minorities in non-Member States;

Also recalling resolution 18/17-C of the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, in 1408H (1988), which urged all Member States to make voluntary and regular contributions to the Fund and its Waqf so that the former may be able to prepare its annual budget and carry out the programmes set down therein;

Further recalling resolution (2) 54/08/88 of the Islamic Fiqh Academy at its Fourth Session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in 1408H (1988) regarding the payment of Zakat funds through the Islamic Solidarity Fund, which called on all Islamic States, Governments, and institutions as well as wealthy Muslims, to perform their duty in enhancing the resources of the Fund so that it can fulfill its noble purposes in the interest of the Muslim Ummah;

Noting with appreciation the accomplishments of the Islamic Solidarity Fund over the past fifteen years, and the need to develop the financial resources and capabilities of the Fund, thereby enabling it to have a positive impact on the civilizational infrastructure of Islamic Societies;

Taking note with satisfaction, the commencement of action regarding the investment of the ISF Waqf, and the need to realize the Waqf's prescribed capital which is expected to generate a regular income which will enable the Fund to achieve self-financing of its annual budgets thereby ensuring continued performance of its noble mission;

Expressing its eagerness to maintain this important organ which truly constitutes an honourable symbol of Islamic Solidarity;

Having considered the report of the President of the ISF Permanent Council regarding the financial difficulties and obstacles being faced by the Fund in financing its budgets and carrying out its programmes during the past five years as a result of the depletion of its resources, which brought many of its activities to a standstill;

1. Expresses deep gratitude and appreciation to the Member States which have made generous and regular donations to the Fund and its Waqf and calls on 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 those amounts to the Waqf Special Investment Account at the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah.

2. 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 Islamic States, 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.

3. Requests the Fund to continue its interest in supporting OIC institutions and organs as well as major projects in parallel with other types of assistance.

4. Approves the contents of the report of the President of the ISF Permanent Council.

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a) Endorses the Permanent Council's approval of the final accounts for financial year 1987/88.

b) Endorses the Permanent Council's approval of the estimated resources for the financial year 1988-89.

6. Approves the amendment to article VI of the ISF Statute regarding the payment of Zakat through the Islamic Solidarity Fund in accordance with the mode set down in the report of the President of the Permanent Council to the current session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

7. Extends its thanks and appreciation to the Permanent Council and its President 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 Waqfs.