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### **REPORT OF THE CULTURAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COIVIMITTEE**

The Cultural and Social Affairs Committee of the Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers met in Fez from 26 to 28 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (January 7-9, 1986) to examine the items relating to Cultural and Social Affairs on the Agenda of the Conference and to submit recommendations thereon to the Plenary Session of the Conference.

2.The Member States attending the Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the representatives of the concerned O.I.C. Subsidiary Organs and affiliated bodies participated in the deliberations of the Committee.

3.The meeting of the Cultural and Social Affairs Committee was opened by His Excellency Ambassador Ghaleb Ali Jamil of the Yemen Arab Republic which had hosted the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers. After a brief statement welcoming the members of delegations, he invited His Excellency Mohamed Ben Eissa, Minister of Culture as representative of the host country, to preside over the Sessions of the Committee

4.In a brief introductory statement, His Excellency Mohamed Ben Eissa welcomed the participants and expressed the hope that the Committee's deliberations would be successful

5.The Committee then elected the members of the Bureau, as follows:

- (i) Dr. Hassan Eissa, Vice-Chairman Republic of Niger
- (ii) Al-Haj Soleiman Sherif, Vice-Chairman. Malaysia
- (iii) Mr. Mohy Awad, Vice-Chairman. Palestine
- (iv) Mr. Ghelib Ali Jamil ,Rapporteur. Yemen Arab Republic.

6. The General Secretariat was represented by His Excellency Mr. Mukhtar Ould Bah, Assistant Secretary General for Cultural Affairs and I.S.F. Mr. Hassan M. Daoud, Director of Cultural Affairs.

7 The Committee discussed the following items on the Agenda of the Committee:

(i) The Islamic University in Niger.

(ii) The Islamic University in Uganda.

(iii) The International Islamic University in Malaysia.

(iv) The Islamic University in Bangladesh.

(v) Al-Zaytounia Faculty of Sharia and Theology in Tunisia.

(vi) The Regional Institute for Complementary Education in Pakistan (RICE).

(vii) The Regional Centre for Research and Islamic Studies in Timbuctu, Republic of Mali

(viii) The Islamic Translation Institute in Khartoum

(ix) The Islamic Centre in Guinea-Bissau.

(x) King Faisal Mosque and its Educational and Social Bodies in Ndjamena, Republic of Chad

(xi) The Islamic Cultural Centre in Moroni, Federal Islamic Republic of Comoro.

(xii) Restoration and Maintenance of the Demak Mosque in Indonesia

(xiii)The Unified Hijri Calendar for the beginning of Lunar Months and the Unification of Islamic Festivals

(xiv) Muslim Women's Organiation

(xv) The Traditional Islamic Schools in Mauritania.

(xvi)Establishment of an International Prize to be named "Al-Quds Prize".

(xvii) The setting up of a Black People's Institute in Ouagadougou.

(xviii) Open air Museum of Parakou.

(xix)Reports on the activities of:

a)Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development.

b)Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture

c)International Commission for Preservation of Islamic Heritage.

d)Islamic Committee of the International Crescent

(xx) Reports on the activities of

a)Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO).

b)Islamic Fiqh Academy

c)Sports Federation of Islamic Solidarity.

d)World Federation of International Arabic Islamic Schools

(xxi) Assistance to the Islamic Centre of New York.

8. At the start of the Committee deliberations, the representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia emphasised the need for restructuring the social and cultural activities of the OIC. He submitted a proposal containing a draft resolution on this question which was unanimously adopted at the conclusion of the Committee proceedings. (Resolution No.29/16-C).

9 The meeting studies the agenda items one by one after hearing the presentation of each item. A spirit of Islamic brotherhood and understanding prevailed throughout the discussions of the Committee. The Committee carefully studied the various reports prepared by the cultural and social institutions emanating from the OIC and adopted the resolutions, annexed to the present report.

10. The Bureau of the Committee received two official notes from the delegations of the Republic of Iraq and of the Sultanate of Oman requesting that the reservations of their respective countries on the first operative paragraph of the draft resolution on the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development be put on record. The paragraph in question calls for an amendment to the effect that the Foundation's budget should be financed through mandatory contributions instead of voluntary donations as stated in the Foundation's Charter. (The delegation of Algeria recorded a similar reservation concerning IFSTAD during the plenary session).

11. Concerning the Open Air Museum in 'Parakou', Republic of Benin, the Committee felt that this project required further examination and study. In view of the very nature of the project, the Committee decided that no further discussion be held on the subject in its future sessions.

12. The Committee also considered and adopted the resolution on the International Centre for the Bantu Civilization in the Republic of Gabon

13. The Committee reviewed the annual report on the activities and achievements of the Islamic Solidarity Fund in the humanitarian, cultural and social spheres. The Committee listened, with keen interest, to the valuable presentation made by His Excellency Mr. Yussuf El-Awadhi, Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund and adopted the resolution pertaining to the Islamic Solidarity Fund and its Endowment.

14. The delegate of the Republic of Senegal moved a resolution on the preservation of the historical City of Fes. The members of the Committee welcomed this valuable initiative and unanimously approved the resolution.

15. The Committee was also apprised, through the documents presented to it, of the proceedings and recommendations of the Twelfth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 28 Safar to 2nd Rabi 1, 1406H (11-14, November 1985). The General Secretariat informed the Committee that following the conclusion of the Commission's session, it had begun the implementation of the Commission's recommendations and would continue to follow up all the subjects after the Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers. The meeting approved the course of action.

16. At the conclusion of the Committee's deliberations, the delegates of the Republic of Uganda, the Kingdom

Saudi Arabia, Palestine and the Director of the Istanbul Centre, on behalf of all the Institutions emanating from and affiliated to the OIC, expressed the appreciation of all the members of the Committee to the Chairman of the Committee for the competent and efficient manner in which he conducted the deliberations of the Committee.

17. The Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to all the members of the Committee for the fraternal spirit prevailing throughout the meeting, which facilitated the Committee to accomplish its work and to realize fruitful results.

18. The Committee commended the General Secretariat for excellent preparations made for the meeting and for effectively contributing to the work of the Committee which greatly facilitated its deliberations.

Rapporteur:

Ambassador Ghaleb Ali Camel Fee, January 9, 1986.

## **REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS ON CULTURAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

### **RESOLUTION NO.1/16-C**

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

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

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



Reviewing the phases of implementation of the project of the afore-said University;

Acknowledging the significance of this important project to disseminate, revive and strengthen Islamic culture in West Africa;

Having taken note of the completion of the construction work of certain portions of the Phase I of the project i.e. the Faculty of Arabic language and Islamic studies as well as some administrative buildings and dormitories;

Having considered the difficulties and obstacles still impeding the furnishing and equipping of the completed buildings particularly the provision of the material resources needed to open the said Faculty as soon as possible and to facilitate its work;

Realizing the need for keeping the Conference informed of the requirements of the project, particularly with regard to the operational expenses, equipping the Faculty and the completion of the remaining stages of the project;

1. Calls for the setting up of a Committee of Experts comprising representatives of the General Secretariat; the Islamic Solidarity Fund; the Islamic Development Bank and Rabita-Al-Alam-Al Islami, to inspect the project of the Islamic University in Niger, to examine its needs and submit studies thereon in collaboration with the Government of the host country. These studies shall review the requirements of the Faculty of Arabic language and Islamic Studies with a view to enabling it to start its activities as soon as possible and assess the possibility of completing the project's remaining stages as well as the means of financing them.

2. Requests the Islamic Development Bank to open a credit account for the completion of the Niger Islamic University Project and handle the project's funds in conformity with the recommendations of the Committee of Experts.

3. Also requests the General Secretariat to complete the necessary legal and academic measures for expediting the opening of the University in the light of the recommendations of the Committee of Experts.

4. Urges Member States; the Islamic Solidarity Fund; the Islamic Development Bank; Rabita-Al-Alam-Al-Islami and the other Islamic Institutions to extend the required support and assistance for securing the funds that will enable the Faculty of Arabic language and

Islamic Studies to start its activities as soon as possible and to complete the project remaining stages.

5. Calls upon the General Secretariat to periodically submit progress reports to the Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers on the follow up of implementation of this Resolution.

## **RESOLUTION NO.2/16-C**

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

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by Islamic Summit and Foreign Ministers Conferences, particularly Resolution No.2/15-C of the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Islamic University in Uganda;

Having considered the explanatory note prepared by the General Secretariat on the present situation of the project;

Having taken note of the contacts made between the Government of Uganda and the General Secretariat for the restoration of the University funds deposited in banks in the Republic of Uganda;

Having expressed appreciation to the Member States which have extended moral and financial support to the project;

1. Requests the General Secretariat to maintain its contacts with the Government of Uganda for coordinating action aimed at reaching a satisfactory and definitive solution to the question of restoration of the University funds, as soon as possible.

2. Expresses its desire that all obstacles being faced in commencing the implementation of Phase I of the University's project may be overcome.

3. Calls upon the Joint Committee for the University to meet, as soon as possible, to consider the possibilities of drawing up a practical programme for starting the implementation of the project in the near future.

4. Requests the General Secretariat to entrust to one of the financial institutions of the Member States a study of whatever can be achieved within the available Funds and to determine the minimum requirements necessary for realizing the goals and objectives of this project.

### **RESOLUTION NO.3/16-C**

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

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling the Resolutions adopted by the Fourth Islamic Summit Conference and the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers on the International Islamic University in Malaysia;

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

Taking into consideration the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat on the subject;

1. Requests the General Secretariat, all OIC organs and Member States to further commit themselves to contributing to the progress and development of the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIU).

2. Urges all Member States and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to extend material support to the University Endowment. Fund in order to:

i) sustain its operational capacity;

ii) provide for its future development and enable the University to become fully operational.

3. Invites all Member States to conclude Agreements of Co-sponsorship of the I.I.U. within the context of their bilateral cooperation with Malaysia.

4. Appeals to all Member States; the ISF and all OIC agencies to grant scholarships to the I.I.U. students to enable them to complete their studies.

5. Express its sincere appreciation to the General Secretariat and the Governments of Bangladesh, Egypt, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Maldives, Pakistan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia for having concluded Co-sponsorship Agreements with the Government of Malaysia concerning the establishment of the I.I.U.

#### **RESOLUTION NO.4/16-C**

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

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling Resolution No.11/4-C (IS) of the Fourth Islamic Summit Conference and Resolution No.4/15-C of the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Islamic University in Bangladesh;

Conscious of the great need to establish this University as a distinctive institute for Islamic learning and other modern studies and research in this important part of the Islamic World;

Appreciating the initiative of the people's Republic of Bangladesh and the steps it has actually taken to establish that University;

Taking note of the progress so far achieved in the works pertaining to the establishment of the University;

1. Recommends that the necessary aid be given to the University and its programmes.
2. Requests the Islamic Solidarity Fund and all specialized OIC Institutions and agencies to provide the Government of Bangladesh with all adequate material and technical assistance so it can carry out this project in the shortest possible time.
3. Urges all Member States to provide adequate technical assistance and donations to the University so it can attain the lofty objectives for which it has been established.
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. Authorizes the General Secretariat to seek technical aid from Arab and Islamic Universities through provision of professors, books and scholarships.
6. Expresses its appreciation and gratitude to those Member States and Islamic Institutions which have extended assistance to the University project.

## **RESOLUTION NO.5/16-C**

### **THE ZEITOUNA FACULTY OF SHARI'AH AND THEOLOGY IN TUNISIA**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling the previous resolutions of the Islamic Conference and particularly the Resolution No.5/15-C of the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Commending the efforts exerted by the Tunisian Government in support of and for the development of the Zeitouna Faculty of Shari'ah and Theology;

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

Having considered the explanatory note prepared by the General Secretariat on the Zeitouna Faculty of Shari'ah and Theology in Tunisia;

1. Reaffirms the contents of the Resolution adopted by the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the subject and appeals to all Member States and to the Islamic Solidarity Fund to continue to extend every possible support to it.

2. Reiterates the need for concerted efforts by all Member States towards the completion of the remaining phases of the project and expresses its sincere thanks to the Member States for their interest in this project and their moral and material support for it.

## **RESOLUTION NO.6/16-C**

### **THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION (RICE)**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling Resolution Nos. 4/10-C, 15/il-C, 18/12-C, 10/13-C, 15/14-C, 16/4-C (IS) and 6/15-C adopted by the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth Islamic Conferences, Fourth Islamic Summit and Fifteenth ICFM respectively on the teaching of Arabic language and the spread of Islamic Culture;

Considering that the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers had approved the report of the project concerning establishment of the Regional Institute for Complementary Education in Pakistan;

Further considering that the Fourth Islamic Summit Conference, on the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs, had reaffirmed the importance of the establishment of this Institute in propagating Islamic culture;

1. Reiterates its commitment to the early establishment of the Regional Institute for Complementary Education (RICE) in Pakistan, and to the promotion and dissemination of the Arab language and Islamic culture in non-Arabic speaking countries of Asia.
2. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts made by the Government of Pakistan for the establishment of this Institute.
3. Urges 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 the implementation of this project and submit a report thereon to the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

#### **RESOLUTION NO.7/16-C**

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

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling the various resolutions adopted by the Organisation of Islamic Conference, particularly Resolution No.7/15-C of the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Regional Institute of Islamic Studies and Research in Timbuctu, Mali;

Commending the efforts made by the Government of the Republic of Mali and the General Secretariat for the implementation of the remaining phases of the Institute's project;

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

Having considered the explanatory note prepared by the General Secretariat and the summary of the report made by its representative following his visit to the aforesaid Institute;

1. Appeals to the Member States and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to continue to provide material support to the Regional Institute of Islamic Studies and Research in Timbuctu so it can discharge the tasks assigned to it.

2. Requests Member States, which have technical possibilities for instruction and training in the field of manuscript classification and restoration, to extend scholarships to some of the Institute cadres for the improvement of their expertise in the relevant fields.

3. Exhorts the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture to pay more attention to the Institute and to extend technical assistance to its staff so as to facilitate the utilization of the wealth of Islamic manuscripts in its possession.

## **RESOLUTION NO.8/16-C**

### **THE ISLAMIC INSTITUTE OF TRANSLATION IN KHARTOUM**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling Resolution No.8/15-C adopted by the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum;

Taking note of the recommendations adopted by the Twelfth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs on this Institute;

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

1. Commends the progress already made by the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum.



2. Requests the General Secretariat and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to pursue their contacts with the Government of the Republic of Sudan with a view to the coordination and preparation for the implementation of the remaining phases of the Institute project.

3. Calls upon Member States and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to extend every possible material assistance to the Institute.

## **RESOLUTION NO.9/16-C**

### **THE ISLAMIC CENTRE IN GUINEA-BISSAU**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling Resolution No.14/15-C adopted by the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Islamic Centre in Guinea-Bissau;

Welcoming the Agreement concluded between the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and the General Secretariat concerning the revision of the project's implementation programme;

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

Also taking note of the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat on the Centre;

1. Requests 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 relating to the Islamic Centre in Guinea-Bissau within the limits of the material resources currently available

2. Also requests the Islamic Solidarity Fund to continue its support to the Centre.

3. Calls upon Member States to extend every possible moral and material assistance to the Centre.

4. Expresses its sincere thanks and deep appreciation to those Member States and Islamic Institutions which have extended financial assistance to the Centre.

### **RESOLUTION NO.10/16-C**

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTRE IN MORONI, ISLAMIC FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF THE COMOROS**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling Resolution No.15/15-C adopted by the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and Resolution No.17/4-C of the Fourth Islamic Summit Conference on the establishment of an Islamic Cultural Centre in Moroni, Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros;

Bearing in mind the need of the Muslims in the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros for such a Centre;

Taking note of the recommendations of the Twelfth 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 Republic of the Comoros with a view to overcoming the difficulties hindering the establishment of the Islamic Cultural Centre in Moroni.

2. Calls upon Member States and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to extend every possible assistance to this project.

3. Expresses its sincere appreciation and thanks to those Member States and Islamic Institutions which have extended financial assistance to the Centre.

## **RESOLUTION NO.11/16-C**

### **KING FAISAL MOSQUE IN NDJAMENA, CHAD, AND ITS EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL BODIES**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling Resolution No.16/15-C of the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on taking charge of King Faisal Mosque in Ndjssmena, Republic of Chad;

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

Having considered the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat and the report by its representative following his visit to the aforesaid Mosque;

1. Urges that in view of the current situation in the Republic of Chad and the pressing need of the population for the educational and social services provided by this Islamic institution, King Faisal Mosque be considered as one of the Islamic educational institutions that requires special attention on the part of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference

2. Calls upon Member States and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to raise the amount required for the restoration and equipping of the Mosque and its annexes so as to enable them to play their expected role.

3. Urges the Government of the Republic of Chad and the General Secretariat to carry out a technical study, for restoration of the Mosque and its annexes for circulation amongst the Member States as early as possible.

4. Requests Arab Member States to contribute to the maximum extent possible to this Institution by providing curricula, sending teachers and granting scholarships for the graduates of this institution to enable them to pursue studies in their universities.

## **RESOLUTION NO.12/16-C**

### **RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEMAK MOSQUE IN INDONESIA**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling the resolutions of the Organisation Islamic Conference on the restoration and maintenance the Demak Mosque in Indonesia;

Reaffirming the aforesaid resolutions which appealed to Member States to provide the necessary moral and material support for the restoration of the Demak Mosque;

Appreciating the initiative, efforts and measures taken by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia ",with a view to preserving the Islamic heritage represented by the Demak Mosque thereby demonstrating its strong commitment to the Islamic Ummah in general and to the Muslims in Indonesia in particular;

Noting with satisfaction the progress made so far in the work undertaken for the restoration of the Mosque;

Expressing deep appreciation for the contributions made by the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the Governments of Egypt and Turkey towards this project;

1. Calls upon Member States to provide the necessary support for the restoration of the Demak Mosque.

2. Urges the Islamic Solidarity Fund to continue its support by making adequate contributions for the restoration of the Demak Mosque in keeping with the spirit of the relevant resolutions of the Fourth Islamic Summit and the Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers.

3. Also urges the General Secretariat and the International Commission for the Preservation of the Islamic Heritage to continue to pay special attention to the restoration of the Demak Mosque in view of its spiritual importance and historic significance and to take such measures as they may deem appropriate to assist in the implementation of this restoration project.

## **RESOLUTION NO.13/16-C**

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

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling the previous Islamic resolutions of the Organisation 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 Twelfth 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 Sixth Session of the Committee on the Unified Hijri Calendar held at Makkah Al Mukarramah in Muharram 1406K (September, 1985);

Welcoming the response of the United Arab Emirates, the State of Bahrain, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and Malaysia to the suggestion of the General Secretariat that more States should join the aforesaid Committee;

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 bodies to utilize the tables prepared by the Committee on the Unified Hijra Calendar as the basis for their calendars.

2. Reiterates its invitation to Member States to join the Committee on the Unified Hijri Calendar, 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.

3 Requests Member States, the General Secretariat and the Islamic Fiqh Academy to study the practical steps to be taken so as to achieve better harmony between the views and authentic studies pertaining to the unified calendar.

## **RESOLUTION NO.14/16-C**

### **MUSLIM WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Noting with appreciation the proposal submitted by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the establishment of an International Islamic Women's Organization;

Conscious of the growing determination among the Muslims all over the world to bring about Islamic revival and to create societies which are based on the Islamic principles of peace, justice and equality for all human beings;

Convinced that these lofty objectives can be achieved only with the full participation of Muslim Women, who constitute half of the Islamic Ummah;

Recalling the relevant paragraphs of Resolution Nos. 22/14-C and 20/15-C of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

1. Takes note of the report and recommendations of the OIC Committee of Experts on the establishment of an International Islamic Women's Organization, which held its meeting in Islamabad in October, 1985.
2. Decides to continue studying the possibility of establishing the Muslim Women's Organization as an affiliated organ of the OIC.
3. Entrusts the General Secretariat with the task of pursuing the study of the various actions relating to the establishment of the Muslim Women's Organisation, including the preparation of its draft statute taking into account the recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the objectives, functions and other aspects of the proposed Muslim Women's Organisation.
4. Further requests the Secretary General to submit a report to the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the progress to be made with regard to the study on the possibility of establishing the Muslim Women's Organisation.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 15/16-C**

#### **THE TRADITIONAL ISLAMIC SCHOOLS IN MAURITANIA**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Having considered the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat and the exhaustive report attached thereto on the traditional Islamic Schools (Mahadhir) in Mauritania;

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

Recalling the glorious history of the scholars of Mauritania, and the role played by these "Mahadhir" or traditional schools both inside and outside Mauritania in what was formerly known as the Land of SHANQIT and their excellent works in the various fields of Islamic learning throughout history;

1. Expresses its deep interest in the development of the traditional Islamic Schools in Mauritania and in the establishment of a General Centre to supervise their affairs and to look after them.

2. Requests the General Secretariat and its subsidiary and affiliated bodies to coordinate action with the Mauritanian Government with a view to raising the standard of these Schools.

3. Appeals to all Member States, the Islamic Solidarity Fund; Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation and the International Commission for the Preservation of the Islamic Cultural Heritage to extend material and moral support to these Schools so they can continue to perform their noble mission.

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

### **THE INSTITUTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE TO BE CALLED 'THE AL-QUDS AWARD'**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

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

And believing in the special place of Al-Quds Al-Shareef - the First Qiblah and Third Holy Haram - in the hearts of all Muslims;

1. Reiterates the importance of creating an international award to be named "The Al-Quds Award" to contribute to the preservation of Islamic heritage in Al-Quds Al Shareef and Palestine.

2. Requests the International Commission for the Preservation of the Islamic Cultural Heritage to supervise and publicize this Award.



## **RESOLUTION NO.17/I6-C**

### **THE SETTING UP OF A BLACK PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE IN OUAGADOUGOU**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Considering the objectives of the Charter of the Islamic Conference aimed at the consolidation of cooperation among the Member States in the economic, social, cultural, scientific and other vital fields;

Considering the preamble of the Charter, affirming the determination of the Member States to protect their spiritual, cultural, social and economic values which will remain as one of the important factors to promote the progress of the mankind and the decision of the Member States to consolidate the indestructible links of fraternity and friendship among their peoples and to safeguard their liberty as well as the common heritage of their civilization based on the principles of justice, tolerance and nondiscrimination;

Conscious of the necessity to establish a dynamic cooperation among the developing countries and peoples notably within the Organisation of the Islamic Conference by increasing exchanges and pooling of the experiences in all fields of their common interests;

Convinced that Islam constitutes a powerful and time-honoured link among all the peoples, forming the Islamic Conference, namely, the Arab, Asian and Black African Peoples; and that it is an integral part of the heritage of mankind and (therefore) it should participate in the expansion of the universal civilisation;

Taking note that the delegation of Burkina Faso had presented memorandum of intent in the 23rd General Conference of the UNESCO, held October 9 to November 12, 1985, in Sofia (Bulgaria);

Having examined the explanatory note submitted by the Government of Burkina Faso;

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

1. Takes note of the importance of the establishment of a Black People's Institute (BPI) in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
2. Entrusts the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation with studying the project of setting up the Black People's Institute and submitting a report thereon through the General Secretariat, to the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers
3. Expresses gratitude to the Government of Burkina Faso, the UNESCO and the UNDP for their prompt contributions to the implementation of the project

### **RESOLUTION NO. 18/16-C**

### **THE ISLAMIC FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Taking into account the resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Conference on the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development (IFSTAD);

Having been apprised of the resolutions of the IFSTAD's Scientific Council and Executive Council;

Having noted with appreciation the achievements of IFSTAD as described in the report of its Director General;

Having taken cognizance of the nominations made by the Secretary General for IFSTAD's Scientific Council;

1. Endorses Resolution No. 19 of the Executive Committee of the IFSTAD providing for an amendment to paragraph (a) of article nine concerning contributions of Member States to the annual budget of the IFSTAD, which will read as follows : The financial resources of the

IFSTAD shall consist of the mandatory contributions of Member States to the annual budget to be made at the same percentages as those agreed upon within the OIC".

2. Requests all Member States to extend all possible assistance to IFSTAD.

3. Approves the following nominations made by the Secretary General to IFSTAD's Scientific Council:

(a) Mr. Sadou Hayatou, Minister of Planning and National Development, Republic of Cameroon.

(b) Prof. Iba Der Thiam, Minister of National Education, Republic of Senegal.

(c) Dr. Mohamed Kamil Mahmoud, President, Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, Arab Republic of Egypt.

(d) Mr. Abdalla Bin Salem Al-Ghazali, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Sultanate of Oman.

4. Expresses its thanks to the Member States which have made financial contributions to the Foundation and for their expressed readiness to extend technical assistance to it.

5. Commends the concrete measures taken by IFSTAD for achieving its objectives.

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

### **THE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE IN ISTANBUL**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling Resolution No. 10/15-C of the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture in Istanbul;

Having noted the nominations made by the Secretary General to the Administrative Council of the Centre;

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

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

1. Approves the appointment of the following members of the Administrative Council of the Centre:-

- Dr. Afif Bahnasi, Director General of Monuments and Museums, Syrian Arab Republic.
- Raja Fawziyah Bint Raja Tun Oda, Director General, Traditional Vocations and Arts, Malaysia.
- Dr. Mahamoud El Zubeir, Director, Regional Institute of Islamic Studies and Research, Timbuctu, Republic of Mali.
- Dr. Abdullah Hassan El-Masri, Assistant Under-Secretary, Ministry of Education and Director General of Monuments, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Dr. Mohamed Ahmed El-Shareef, President of Islamic Call Society, Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah.
- Dr. Abdurahman El-Tayib El-Ansari, Head of Monuments Division, College of Literature, King Saud University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Dr. Hassan Al-Sabah Al-Salim, Administrative Director, Islamic Monuments, Kuwait.
- Dr. Javed Mohamed Igbal, Scholar and Chief Justice of Lahore High Court, Pakistan.

- Prof. Dr. Ihsan Dogramaci, Chairman of the High Educational Council, Ankara, Turkey.

2. Commends the exemplary efforts of the Centre as represented by its continuous achievements and innovative and distinctive work in the fields of research and publication as well as in the field of library, documentation, archives and information unit services.

3. Also commends the efforts made by the Centre to restore the "Yawaran Building" which has graciously been given to the Centre by the Turkish Government.

4. Approves the report which includes the plan of action of the Centre for the current year.

5. Expresses thanks and appreciation to the host country for the material and moral support it has constantly extended to the Centre thus enabling it to optimally perform its tasks.

6. Calls upon Member States which have not yet paid their contributions to the budget of the Centre, to do so at their earliest convenience, so as to enable it to pursue its activities.

7. Expresses its thanks to the Islamic personalities and institutions, inside and outside the headquarters country, and the Islamic Da'wa Association for having contributed to the implementation of the first phase of restoration of the "Yawaran Building" and appeals to Member States and to Islamic institutions and personalities to make generous donations to the Centre for the implementation of the second phase of this restoration project.

8. Pays tribute to the fruitful efforts made by the Director General of the Centre and to his constant eagerness to see the Centre achieve the noble objectives, for which it was established.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 20/16-C**

#### **THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE ISLAMIC CULTURAL HERITAGE**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling the previous resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, particularly Resolution No. 11/15-C, adopted by the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Inter-national Commission for the Preservation of the Islamic Cultural Heritage;

Having taken note of the nominations made by the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the Five-Member International Commission for the Preservation of the Islamic Cultural Heritage;

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

Having noted also the report presented by the representative of the Chairman of the Commission on the Commission's activities and future plans;

1. Approves the appointment of the following five members to the International Commission for the Preservation of the Islamic Cultural Heritage:

- HRH Prince Faisal Bin Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, President of the General Presidency of Youth Welfare, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, - Chairman.

- H.E. Mr. Abdelhadi Boutaleb, Director General, Islamic States Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)-Member.

- Mr. Gulzar Haider, Professor of Islamic Architecture, University of Carlton, Ottawa. - Member

- Dr. Shawqi Shaa'th, Scholar of Palestinian and Islamic Heritage (Palestine)- Member

- Mr. Tjandra Sasmita, Director, Preservation and Protection of Historical Monuments and Heritage, Indonesia - Member

2. Approves the plan of action included in the Committee's report.

3.Calls upon Member States to provide the Commission with the information and documents available to them in the area of Islamic heritage.

4.Notes with appreciation. the practical steps taken by the International Commission for the Preservation of the Islamic Cultural Heritage under the Chairmanship of HRH Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz.

5.Expresses its sincere gratitude to His Majesty, King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz for having graciously instituted an award in the field of Islamic architectural heritage, within the framework of the Commission' s activities.

6.Welcomes the full cooperation and coordination existing between the Commission and the Istanbul Centre as the executive organ of the Commission.

7.Calls upon the International Commission for the Preservation of the Islamic Cultural Heritage to continue coordinating its activities with those undertaken by the member States for the preservation of the Islamic heritage with a view to combining Islamic efforts in this field.

8.Expresses its gratitude to the Turkish Religious Waqf for the financial assistance it has extended to the Commission as a contribution towards the restoration of the Demak Mosque in Indonesia.

9.Appeals to Member States to settle the arrears of their contributions to the budget of the Commission.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 21/16-C**

### **THE ISLAMIC COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRESCENT**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling the previous resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference particularly Resolution No. 18/15-C of the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent.

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

Having considered the report of the Chairman of the Committee on the various aspects of the activities of the Committee and the report of its Fourth Session;

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

1.Calls upon all Member States which have not yet signed the Agreement of the aforesaid Committee to do so an early date so that the Committee may start its functions and accomplish its noble aims.

2.Invites 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.Requests the General Secretariat to prepare a draft Headquarters Agreement of the Committee for submission to the Government of the Socialist People's Arab Libyan Jamahiriya, and to work in coordination with them for the signature of the aforesaid Agreement at an early date.

4.Expresses its sincere thanks to the Socialist People's Arab Libyan Jamahiriya for the material support it has extended and the administrative and logistic facilities it continues to extend to the Committee during its formative stage.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 22/16-C**

### **THE ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, meeting in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),



Recalling Resolution No. 12/10-C on the establishment of the Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO);

Recalling also Resolution No. 2/11-C on the adoption of ISESCO's Statute.

Reaffirming the need to avoid overlapping and duplication in the functions of OIC organs and Centres with a view to streamlining and making more effective their functioning and coordination;

Referring to the recommendations of the Standing Committees of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and particularly those adopted by the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs, at its Second Session held in Dakar from 31 October to 2 November 1985;

Considering that ISESCO has completed its initial phase and the Second General Conference of ISESCO held in Islamabad in September 1985 has adopted a Plan of Action for its future work;

1. Takes note of the Report of the Second General Conference of ISESCO; held in Islamabad, Pakistan in September, 1985;

2. Affirms that the Islamic, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has been charged with activities in the fields of Education, Science and Culture, within the Organization of the Islamic Conference, in accordance with its statute.

3. 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 prejudice to the activities and the autonomy of the other Centres and Subsidiary Organs of the OIC.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 23/16-C**

## **THE ISLAMIC FIQH ACADEMY**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, meeting in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Emphasizing the objectives of the Islamic Fiqh Academy, aimed at unifying the Islamic nation in theory and practice, through regulating human behaviour, at the individual, collective and international levels, in accordance with the rules of Islamic Sharia, and at strengthening Muslims adherence to their faith as well as encouraging them to make thorough and fundamental study of the contemporary problems of life with a view to finding solutions based on Islamic Sharia;

Supporting the General Plan of Action adopted by the Academy's Council at its First Conference, held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah as the basis for the Academy's activities, for the achievement of its objectives;

Having considered the report of the Academy's Secretariat on its various activities during the first year, since its establishment and having noted with satisfaction the outstanding results of the second session of its Council;

Expressing its satisfaction with the steps taken by the Academy for the realisation of the task entrusted to it;

Commending the valuable and fruitful efforts of His Excellency the Secretary-General of the Academy, to achieve the objectives of this highly esteemed Islamic institution;

1. Urges Member States to assist the Islamic Fiqh Academy in fulfilling its functions in the best possible manner by:

a) continuing the study of the issues and questions, already compiled by the Academy, relating to the daily life in Muslim Societies, by inviting a number of specialists in the relevant fields to join the scholars and Fuqaha members of the Academy, and the experts who cooperate with it, in dealing with these issues and questions.

b) Starting work on the project of the Fiqh Encyclopedia, particularly the section on Conduct, in accordance with the Special Plan laid down by the Council at its second session.

c) Starting work on the project of the Glossary of Fiqh terms to enable students and researchers to understand their linguistic and idiomatic meanings in accordance with the Academy's Statute.

d) Cooperating with Islamic Scientific institutions in organizing academic meetings to study the topics relating to new medical issues, legal mechanisms, and new banking questions, before their submission to the Academy's Council for Sharia rulings on them.

e) Carrying out the programme of publishing research works on Islamic heritage, in the light of the priorities set by the planning branch of the Academy's Council, and in accordance with the plan laid down by the Council at its Second Session.

f) Starting work on the Project of the Academy's Scientific Journal to make it, for all Muslims, a means of obtaining new information as well as views and interpretations of Muslim Scholars on the various issues faced by the Muslims in their contemporary life.

2. Urges Member States to facilitate the work of their delegates in the Academy, by enabling them to have access in their studies, research and fatwas, to the various universities and academic institutions in their countries, so as to fulfill the task entrusted to them by the Academy, within its established programme of action. Their work would thus represent a collective effort which expresses, as much as possible, the opinion of the Community as a whole in a given country.

3. Calls for continuing coordination between the Academy and Islamic academic institutions in the Member States, so as to ensure the usefulness and effectiveness of the Academy's work, and to enable it to reach the level required to make the Academy a source of reference and authority for the whole of Islamic World. It should help Muslim Societies in finding the means of solving their problems and in providing support for development in the light of Islamic Sharia. This would promote the values and lofty principles of the noble religion of Islam.

4. Requests the Academy to express its views as regards the destructive creeds that are in contradiction with the teaching of the Holy Quran and the pure Sunna of the Prophet (Peace be upon him).

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, meeting in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

## **RESOLUTION NO 24/I6-C**

## **THE SPORTS FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406 H (6-10 January, 1986),

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

Taking note of the great interest and enthusiasm shown by the Member States at the Constituent Conference of the Sports Federation of Islamic Solidarity Games held in Riyadh in Sha'aban, 1405H (May, 1985);

Appreciating the decisions taken in the aforesaid Conference and considering them as giant steps towards the achievement of solidarity among Muslim Youth;

1. Urges all Member States to take active interest in all future activities of the Federation, as well as in the forthcoming Islamic Solidarity Tournaments Games and particularly in organising its first round, which is to be sponsored by the Federation.

2. Expresses its appreciation and thanks to His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz, General President of Youth Welfare in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and President of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation, for his great interest in and care for the Federation and his work for the attainment of its noble objectives.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25/16-C**

### **THE WORLD FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ARAB-ISLAMIC SCHOOLS**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H(6-10 January, 1986),

Having considered the report submitted by the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools, in compliance with the recommendation of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs;

Having reviewed the activities of the Federation and the projects it has prepared in order to consolidate the Islamic Schools, help their students, graduates and teachers and promote their cooperation with institutions that endeavour to propagate the use of the Arabic language as well as Islamic culture throughout the world;

1. Commends the important historical role played by the Arab-Islamic Schools in propagating the culture of Islam, the language of the Quran and its teachings on which rests the cultural unity of the Islamic Ummah and endorses the efforts of the Federation in encouraging such schools and helping them to pursue their activities, educating generations of Muslims on Quranic basis, forming and training adequate numbers of instructors of Arabic language and Islamic culture to meet the needs of general education schools as well as those of higher educational institutes and universities.

2. Requests the General Secretariat to coordinate the activities of the Federation and those of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and of other Islamic Cultural institutions which endeavour to strengthen the schools that propagate Islamic culture and the use of the Arabic language among non-Arabic speaking Muslims within or without the Islamic World, and further cooperation among them with a view to ensuring the success of projects prepared by the Federation and endorsed by the previous Foreign Ministers Conferences in their resolutions, namely the Institute of Open Complementary Education in Khartoum, the Educational Centre for the sons of Afghan Refugees at Peshawar, the Registration, Classification and census of national Islamic Schools throughout the world and organizing cooperation among them, printing adequate numbers of textbooks to be distributed free of charge 0£ at a nominal price to the pupils.

3. Requests universities and cultural and scientific institutions in the Member States to participate in the efforts exerted by the Federation to increase the number of Islamic teacher training courses, establish higher teacher training institutes, improve their curricula, unify their examinations and degrees through the Examination Board which coordinates activities in this respect and commends the decision taken by the Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud University in Riyadh to host the constituent meeting of this Board next Rajab, as well as calls upon all Arab and Islamic universities to participate in its functioning, financing and management.

4. Recommends that the General Secretariat allocate the amount needed to cover its participation in the capital of the Islamic school-building Fund established to help construct schools and provide them with the equipment and other requirements likely to enhance their educational level, and to cover as well the annual contribution of the DIC to that Fund, in implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers; it invites OIC member-states to announce their contribution to the capital of that Fund, in compliance with the recommendations made by the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 26/16-C**

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

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, meeting in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling Resolution No. 19/4-C(IS) of the Fourth Islamic Summit on support to the Islamic Solidarity Fund and its Waqf;

Having considered the report presented by the Chairman of the 1SF Permanent Council on the activities of the Fund;

Noting with satisfaction the beginning of action on the Waqf of the Fund to support the 1SF resources, and desiring to increase financial possibilities and potentialities of the 1SF;

Believing that the Islamic Solidarity Fund must be supported so it can perform its task and achieve the noble objectives laid down in its Statute;

Convinced of the effective role played by the Fund in financing the spiritual, cultural and social activities of the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

1. Adopts the report presented to the Conference by the Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council and records its appreciation of the efforts made by the Council in furtherance of the objectives of the Islamic Solidarity Fund to strengthen Islamic solidarity and to promote Islamic da'wah, culture and civilization.

2. Approves the final accounts for Financial Year 1983/84 and the draft budget estimates of the Fund for Financial Year 1985/86.

3. Expresses its gratitude and deep appreciation to the Member States which have extended generous and regular donations to the Fund, and urges the remaining Member States to make regular voluntary contributions within their capabilities to the annual budget of the Fund.

4. Urges All Member States to organize fund-raising campaigns in favour of the Fund and its Waqf during the blessed month of Ramadhan considering that this is the Month of Islamic Solidarity, and to designate the bodies which will supervise such campaigns.

5. Requests the Fund to continue to support the institutions and bodies emanating from the Organization of the Islamic Conference as well as to the major projects, along with its assistance to other projects.

6. Mandates the Permanent Council to adopt, in cooperation with the General Secretariat, all effective ways and means to increase the resource of the Fund and its Waqf, such as the issuance of postage stamps and organizing matches, social and cultural programs such as sports, bazaars festivals in coordination with the appropriate authorities of Member States.

7. Recalls the importance of the Waqf as a guarantee of continuity for the Fund and a major source of financing its budget, and reiterates the need to obtain the capital ceiling fixed for the Waqf especially since a nucleus of the Waqf executive organ has already been set up.

8. Calls on all Member States to make donations to the Waqf according to their capacity, and requests the Member States which have already announced their voluntary contributions to the Waqf capital during previous Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers, to expedite the transfer of these contributions to the Waqf investment as soon as possible.

9. Approves the deduction of a fifty percent of the actual amounts received for the budget of the 1SF, in favour of the 1SF Waqf with effect from the budget of financial year 1985/86.

10. Entrusts the 1SF Permanent Council to organize, in cooperation with the General Secretariat, regular and periodic visits to the Member States with a view to urging them to support the resources of the Fund and its Waqf.

11. Expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Permanent Council and its Chairman; to the Waqf Board of Trustees and its Chairman; and to the Executive Organ of the Fund for the efforts they have exerted in furtherance of the objectives of the Fund and its Waqf.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27/16-C**

## **ASSISTANCE TO THE ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTRE OF NEW YORK**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, meeting held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986),

Recalling Resolution No. 22/11-C of the Eleventh Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Further recalling the appeal to the Islamic States by the Coordination Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held in New York on 4 Muharram 1404H (October 10, 1983) to provide moral and material support in the form of contributions for the realization of this project;

Considering that the realization of this project is essential and of paramount importance to the Muslim Community of New York;

Appreciating the efforts already undertaken by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Islamic Cultural Centre of New York for the realization of this project;

1. Recommends that Member States extend all possible moral and material assistance for the realization and establishment of the Islamic Cultural Centre of New York.
2. Requests the General Secretariat to submit a progress report on the Islamic Cultural Centre to the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO.28 /16-C**

## **INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE BANTU CIVILIZATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF GABON**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25-29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January 1986),



Recalling Resolution Nos. 20/14-C, 13/15-C and 18/4-C (IS) of the-Fourteenth and Fifteenth Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers and the Fourth Islamic Summit Conference, as well as the recommendations of the Eleventh Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Recalling also the efforts made by the Republic of Gabon to create awareness of the importance of this project among Member States Expressing satisfaction at the efforts exerted by The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation to execute this project;

1. Calls upon the General Secretariat to offer assistance to ISESCO and contact the Islamic Solidarity Fund to explore the possibility for the International Centre for the Bantu Civilization to become operational.
2. Further calls upon on Member States to extend their moral and material support for the implementation of this project.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 29./16-C**

### **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF ISLAMIC CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTION**

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H

Affirming its interest in Islamic cultural and social activities and its desire to enhance the performance of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its affiliated and subsidiary Islamic Cultural Institutions and Centres;

Realizing the need to draw up a strategy for Islamic cultural and social action to serve as a guideline for the Organization of Islamic Conference and its affiliated and subsidiary Islamic Cultural Institutions and Centres;

Expressing appreciation of the important role assumed by the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs, set up by the Third Islamic Summit;

1. Recommends to the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs to propose a strategy for Islamic Cultural and Social action to be adopted by the forthcoming Islamic Summit.

2. Charges the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its affiliated or subsidiary Islamic Cultural Institutions and Centres, according to their competence, to submit their views and opinions on the proposed strategy, as mentioned in paragraph (1) to the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs, as soon as possible.

3. Decides to refrain, in future, from considering any Islamic Cultural and Social projects prior to:

a) Taking into consideration the views of one of the relevant and concerned Islamic Cultural Institutions and Centres affiliated to or subsidiary of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, in respect of the technical feasibility of the project and its conformity with the priorities of the Islamic; cultural and social action;

b) Taking into consideration the views of one of the Islamic financing Institutions or of a Member State on the economic feasibility of the project.

4. Entrusts the General Secretariat to set up a Follow-up Committee of highly-qualified experts representing the financing quarters for each of the Islamic cultural and social activity projects and the General Secretariat, to work in collaboration with the host state to guarantee the optimum implementation of the project.

5. Requests the Islamic Development Bank to open a credit account for each of the Islamic cultural and social activity projects for handling the project's funds in accordance with the recommendations of the above-mentioned Follow-up Committee (Para. 4).

## **RESOLUTION NO.30/16-C**

### *PRESERVATION OF THE CITY OF FEZ*

The Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 25 to 29 Rabiul Thani, 1406H (6-10 January, 1986) ,

Considering the special historical importance of the City of Fez in the Islamic history;  
Considering the role it has played in propagating Islamic thought and culture for twelve centuries;

Considering the valuable Islamic cultural and architectural heritage it contains;

Considering the position it occupies in the world as an integral part of the eternal universal heritage which must be protected and preserved;

Considering the current status of this city, which hosts most of the important Islamic meetings, such as those in which decisions for establishing-the A1-Quds A1-Sharif Committee and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization were taken;

Considering the effort exerted by Morocco, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hassan II, who has reiterated the commitment of Morocco to safeguard the masterpieces of Islamic civilization, whether in Fez or in any other Islamic city, as proclaimed in His Majesty's Letter, dated 8 Ramadan , 1400H (21 July, 1980);

Considering the growing world interest in the City of Fez, as an image of Islamic and universal civilization and culture at their finest, as highlighted by the resolution adopted by UNESCO's General Conference, which considers this City as one of the universal monuments deserving attention and preservation.

Responding to the world appeal launched, from the City of Fez, by UNESCO's Director General, Mr. Amadou Mahtar M'bow, on 23 Jumada Al Awal, 1400H (April 9, 1980),

Calling upon international, regional and sub-regional institutions, governments and various bodies, to contribute to the preservation of this Islamic and universal City;

In pursuance of Resolution No.3/5/C-AD of the International Commission on the Preservation of the Islamic Heritage;

Responding to the appeal by the Organisation of Islamic Capitals and Cities, during its various meetings, particularly the meeting of its Board of Directors, held in Fez, in December, 1983;

Considering the dangers that are now threatening this City and which have repercussions on its Islamic and universal civilizational heritage;

In view of all these considerations the Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

1. Considers the City of Fez as one of the Islamic and cultural cities which must be preserved, continuously restored and safeguarded.
2. Adopts the world appeal launched by the UNESCO's Director General for safeguarding the City of Fez.
3. Recommends that the Governments of Member States contribute, at all levels, to the preservation of the City of Fez.
4. Recommends that the question of the safeguarding the City of Fez be included in the agenda of the various international meetings dealing with culture and civilisation.
5. Recommends that the bodies and commissions of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference include the question of the preservation of the City of Fez in their programmes of activities, particularly;
  - (a) The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.
  - (b) The International Commission for the Preservation of the Islamic Heritage.
  - (c) The Islamic Solidarity Fund.
6. Urges these bodies and commissions to initiate a dialogue with the Moroccan authorities with a view to determining the effective ways and means of implementing these recommendations.