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REPORT OF THE CULTURAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The OIC Assistant Secretary-General for Cultural and Social Affairs and for the Islamic Solidarity Fund H.E. Mr. Bakary Drame, inaugurated the first Meeting of this Committee on 4 Zul Qada, 1402 H, corresponding to August 23, 1982. He announced to members of the delegations participating in the work of the Committee that, in accordance with the procedures adopted at previous conferences whereby the host state nominates some of its senior officials to chair the various committees stemming from the Conference, the Government of Niger had chosen the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Higher Education, H.E. Abdul Rahman Ketta to chair this Committee. The OIC Assistant Secretary-General then requested the chairman to take his chair.

The Chairman, in a brief address renewed his country's welcome to the members of the delegations participating in the Conference, and expressed satisfaction at the confidence

placed in him. He said he was convinced that all members of the Committee would spare no efforts to cooperate with him in running the Committee's work and ensuring; the success of its task.

The Chairman then requested the members to elect the members of the Committee's Bureau. The delegate of the Kingdom of Morocco asked for the floor and suggested H.E. Sheikh Ahmed Al-Mubarak, member of the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for the office of First Vice-Chairman, H..E Haj Soliman Bin Haj Sherif, the delegate of Malaysia, for the office of the Second Vice-Chairman, and H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Al-Zubair, the delegate of the Republic of Mali for the office of Rapporteur of the Committee. These proposals were unanimously approved.

The Committee reviewed the following items on its Agenda :

The Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development.
The World Centre for Islamic Education.
The Islamic Organization for Education, Culture and Science.
The Islamic Committee of the International Crescent.
The Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture.
Islamic Heritage :

The International Commission of the Islamic Heritage.
Preservation of the Islamic historical cities.
Cooperation and Coordination with the Organization of the Islamic Capitals.

(a) Teaching of the Arabic Language and propagation of the Islamic Culture in non-Arabic speaking Member States.

(b) Establishment of a Regional Institute for Complementary Studies in Pakistan.

Unification of the dates of the Lunar-Months and of Islamic Festivals.
The Project of the Establishment of the Islamic University in Niger.
Project of the Establishment of the Islamic University in Uganda.
Project for the construction of the Zaytouniya Faculty for Sharia and Usul Al- Din and the High Institute for Islamic Studies in Tunisia.
The Islamic Centre in Guinea-Bissau.
Ahmad Baba Centre in Timbuctu.
The Islamic Translation Institute in Khartoum.
The Federation of Islamic Solidarity Games.
The International Islamic Law Commission.
Setting up of The Islamic Fiqh Academy.
Project of the Establishment of an Islamic Cultural Centre in Moroni.
International and National Programmes marking the Advent of the 15th Hijra Century.
The Islamic Solidarity Fund and its Waqf :

Report of the Chairman of the Permanent Council.
Study of the status of the Fund.
Aid to refugees and to countries suffering from natural calamities.

Following a visit to the site of the Islamic the Committee resumed its University of Niger in Say, discussion of the items of the Agenda, introduction of each item by H.E. Bakary Drame, Assistant Secretary-General for Cultural and Social Affairs and the Islamic Solidarity Fund.

The members of the Committee discussed each item on the agenda in a spirit of Muslim brotherhood and complete friendship and understanding. The Committee also reviewed the draft resolutions submitted by some delegations or were agreed to in the light of the positive discussions which took place during the sessions.

All draft resolutions attached to this report were unanimously adopted.

The Committee also discussed the item on the national and international programmes concerning the 15th Century of the Hura. It commended the activities and achievements of the member states through their national Committees. The Committee lauded the active role played by the General Secretariat in this respect. This included the organising of international exhibitions and important Islamic Conferences and Seminars.

The Committee reviewed the important annual report on the activities and achievements of the Islamic Solidarity Fund in the humanitarian, social and cultural spheres. The Committee showed great interest in the reports submitted to it by H.E. Dr. Ezzledin Ibrahim, the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund. Great interest was also shown by the Committee in the extensive explanations of last year's budget and the proposals concerning next year's budget, 1982-83.

The Committee tabled a motion of thanks to Dr. Ezzleddin Ibrahim for the great efforts he made during the period of his Chairmanship of the Fund's Permanent Council.

At the end of the Committee's meeting, the Chairman H.E. Mr. Abderahmane Keita expressed his gratitude to the Members for the spirit of brotherhood they showed during the consideration and discussion of the different items of the Agenda. This, he said, had greatly contributed to the success of the Committee's work and its positive constructive conclusions.

The representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Tunisia, who expressed the appreciation of all the Members of the Committee for the great efficiency displayed by the Chairman in conducting the sessions, and for his flexibility throughout the discussions, instrumental in helping the Committee conclude its work on time. The delegates then paid tribute to the efforts made by the General Secretariat in preparing the Committee's documents and explanatory notes, and they commended the exhaustive explanations of H.E. the Assistant Secretary General, Mr. Bakary Drame, on each subject.

May Allah guide us onto the right path.

Dr. Mahinoud Al Zubeir
Rapporteur
Representative of the Republic of Mali
Niamey, August 26, 1962

RESOLUTIONS ON CULTURAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION NO. 1/13-C

THE ISLAMIC FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Having reviewed Resolution No. ICFM/I2-8I/CS-I adopted by the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers regarding the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development;

Taking note of the memorandum submitted by the OIC General Secretariat on this matter;

Proceeding from the recommendation adopted by the Scientific Consultative Board of the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development in its first session held in Jeddah, May 8 - 10, 1982;

Emphasizing the vital need to secure the funds necessary for the Foundation to accomplish its task;

Expressing satisfaction over the contacts conducted by the OIC delegation with the aim of acquainting the member-states with the importance of the objectives of this Foundation and the need to support it;

1. Urges member states once again to contribute to the funds required for this Foundation, totalling US \$ 50 million as approved by previous Islamic Conferences, and to provide the technical assistance required to support the Foundation's activities.

2. Approves the amendments that the Scientific Consultative Board proposed to incorporate into the charter of the Foundation (IFSTAD).

3. Approves the resolutions adopted by the scientific Consultative Board at its last session, as well as the plan of action prepared by it.

4. Expresses thanks to the Governments of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of Indonesia, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Republic of Tunisia for the support they have extended to the Foundation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/13-C

THE WORLD CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC EDUCATION

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Noting the wish of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to attach the World Centre for Islamic Education to Um El-Qora University in Macca al-Mukarramah;

Having reviewed the note of the General Secretariat on the willingness of the Government of Saudi Arabia to undertake to provide for all requirements of the Centre to achieve its objectives,

1.AGREES to annex the World Centre for Islamic Education to Um El-Qora in Mecca Al-Mukarramah;

2.INVITES the Centre to maintain cooperation and coordination with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in respect of curricula for Islamic Education.

RESOLUTION No. 3/I3-C

THE ISLAMIC EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling the provisions of the Charter of the Islamic Conference which among others, fixed as an objective, the consolidation of cooperation among Member States in the economic, social, cultural and scientific fields as well as in other fields of vital importance;

Noting with satisfaction that the Constituent General Conference of the Islamic Organization for-Education, Science and Culture was held at Fez, Kingdom of Morocco, from 1 Rajab 9 to 11 1402H (May 3 -5 1982);

Noting with satisfaction the coming into force of the statute of the Islamic Education, Science and Cultural Organization;

Considering the objectives of the organization, and more especially those relating to the consolidation of Islamic Culture and the safeguard of its relics and characteristics as defined in its statute;

Emphasizing that illiteracy constitutes one of the greatest ills which the Islamic community has to deal with, in that it checks the economic progress and inhabitants the process of cultural, scientific, technical and spiritual bloom of the great majority of the Muslim masses;

1.Calls upon ISESCO to spread education and information in rural areas and give top priority to this work among the priorities in its programme.

2. (a)Decides that ISESCO draw up, in collaboration with the International Committee for Islamic Heritage, a systematic and methodical inventory of the Islamic patrimony and draw up a plan of action for its safeguard and protection.

Decides that ISESCO closely cooperate with Member States concerned to carry out an identification. campaign of holders of Islamic manuscripts in the non-Arabic speaking Member States;

Decides to acquaint these holders with cultural, historical and religious importance of these documents so as to encourage them to participate in the constitution of a General Fund for Islamic manuscripts in their respective countries;

Requests ISESCO to make all necessary endeavours so as to restore to their countries of origin, the works of Art or other elements of the Islamic heritage illegally transferred out of these countries;

Urges the member states to grant to ISESCO all the financial and moral aid it needs to bring these tasks to successful conclusion;

Invites the member states who have not yet signed the Organization's statute to do so as early as possible.

Expresses gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Islamic Solidarity Fund for their untiring efforts in bringing into existence this youthful Organization; Asks the Director General of ISESCO to implement this resolution and submit a report to the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 4/13-C THE ISLAMIC COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRESCENT

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Noting the provisions of Resolution 4/12-C of the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, approving the creation of a Nine-man Committee to follow-up the establishment of the Islamic Committee of the of the International Crescent;

Taking note of the recommendations adopted by the Eighth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic Cultural and Social Affairs held in Tripoli, Socialist Peoples Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah;

Referring to the reports of First and Second Meetings of the Follow-up Committee, held in Benghazi on 11-14 January 1982 and in Jeddah on 16-17 March 1982 respectively;

1.Requests Member States to sign, as early as possible, the Convention of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent;

2.Approves in principle the draft 1982-1983 budget of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent;

3.Approves the designation of the following Member States as members of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic of Mali, United Republic of Cameroun, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Turkey, Republic of Senegal, State of Kuwait, State of Qatar, and Socialist Peoples Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/13-C
THE RESEARCH CENTER ON ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling Resolution No. 5/12-C of the Twelfth Islamic Conference, ratifying the constitution of an Administrative Council for the Research Centre on Islamic History, Art and Culture,

Having noted the report of the Centre on the first meeting of the Administrative Council in Istanbul, November 10 - 12, 1981,

Taking cognizance of the recommendations of the Eighth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs,

1. Approves the work programme endorsed by the Administrative Council of the Research Centre on Islamic History, Art, and Culture for 1982/83.

2. Urges Member states, which have not yet paid their contributions to the Centre's budget, to do so as early as possible to enable the Centre to carry out its noble task;

3. Appeals to all member states to make financial donations to the Centre to enable it to carry out the necessary repairs to Tshit Palace, that the Government of the Republic of Turkey has generously offered to the Centre.

4. Expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Republic of Turkey for its moral and financial support of the Centre, and for granting it diplomatic immunity and exemption from customs and other taxes. It also thanks the Republic of Turkey for assigning Tshit one of the palaces of Yildiz to house the research and documentation sections of the Centre as well as its library.

5. Commends the Centre for the efforts exerted by it to achieve its objectives.

RESOLUTION NO. 6/13-C

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ISLAMIC CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Having reviewed Resolution No. 6/12-C adopted by the 12th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the International Commission for the Preservation of the Islamic Cultural Heritage,

Emphasizing the resolutions adopted by previous Islamic Conferences on this subject,

Taking note of the recommendations of the Eighth Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and social Affairs,

Also taking note of the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat on this subject,

1. Approves the Statute of the International Commission for the preservation of Islamic Cultural Heritage.

2. Approves the designation of the following as members in the Commission:

His royal Highness Prince Faisal Bin Fahd, Chairman.

A Scholar in Islamic Cultural Heritage to be nominated by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Dr. Haider gulzar of Pakistan.

Mr. Wisbeb Loeis of Indonesia.

Mr. Abdel Hadi Poutaleb, Director General of the ISESCO.

3. Requests the General Secretariat to make preparations for the first meeting of the International Commission for the Preservation of Islamic Cultural Heritage, and to present a report on the conclusions of that meeting to the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, cultural and social Affairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 7/13-C

SAFEGUARDING HISTORIC ISLAMIC CITIES

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Affirming the importance of the resolutions adopted by the Tenth and Eleventh Islamic Conferences on Safeguarding historic Islamic cities in some of the Member States,

Recalling the third operative paragraph of Resolution (6/12 - C) urging the Member States concerned to dispatch to the General Secretariat all the necessary data on their historical cities,

Taking note of the wish expressed by some Member States to follow up their efforts in implementing the resolutions passed in this connection;

1. Entrusting the General Secretariat to undertake the studies required for the safeguarding of historical towns in the Republic of Mali, and the restoration of the Demak Mosque in the Republic of Indonesia, to send experts to do the preliminary field work and to prepare the necessary technical reports;

2. Also directs the General Secretariat to make the necessary contacts with the Republic of Niger, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Tunisian Republic to undertake studies

connected with the safeguarding of the Islamic monuments in those countries, and to subsequently send experts and report to the forthcoming sessions of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and social Affairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 8/13-C

COORDINATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF OIC AND THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC CAPITALS TO SAFEGUARD HISTORICAL ISLAMIC CITIES IN THE MEMBER STATES

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling Resolution No. 6/12-C adopted by the 12th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers which requested the General Secretariat to conduct contacts with the Organization of Islamic Capitals to transfer the subject of Safeguarding historical Islamic cities in Member States to the jurisdiction of Organization of Islamic Capitals,

Having reviewed the relevant recommendations adopted by the Eight Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Taking note of the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat on the contacts it had conducted with the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Capitals regarding the implementation of the aforementioned resolution;

1.Reaffirms resolution of the Twelfth Islamic Conference on transferring to the Organization of Islamic Capitals the question of safeguarding historical Islamic cities;

2.Urges the General Secretariat to pursue its contacts with the Organization of Islamic Capitals with a view to implementing resolution and submit a detailed report on the results of these contacts to the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 9/13-C

TEACHING OF ARABIC AND PROPAGATION OF ISLAMIC CULTURE

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Conscious of the need to promote Islamic values and the unity of the Islamic Ummah through education,

Aware of the urgent need to remedy the serious deficiencies in material and human resources in some Member States in the field of Arabic-Islamic education,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the teaching of Arabic and the propagation of Islam and particularly Resolution No. 7/12-C adopted by the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign

Ministers in which it urged Member States to provide teachers of Arabic language to Niger, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal and Mali,

1. Requests those Member States, in a position to do so, to urgently provide for the needs of the other Member States with regard to didactic materials, teachers and any other type of aid immediately available, without waiting for drawing up an education scheme as called for in Resolution 7/C adopted by the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

2. Calls upon Member States, wishing to receive such aid, to communicate to other Member States, either directly or through the General Secretariat, their human and material requirements, in the field of Arabic-Islamic education.

3. Call upon the Secretary General to explore all possible aid immediately available from the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the World Federation of Arab Islamic Schools and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and to report to the next Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

4. Decides to institutionalize a meeting, at the beginning of each regular session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, in which contributions to the Fund for assistance to Arab-Islamic Schools will be announced.

RESOLUTION NO. 10/13-C

REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COMPLEMENTARY STUDIES IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling Resolution No. 13/12 - C of the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers for the establishment of the Institute for Complementary Studies in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan,

Having noted the recommendations of the Eighth and Ninth Sessions of the Islamic Commissions for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs,

Having reviewed the detailed memorandum prepared by the General Secretariat on the subject.

1. Requests the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to forward to the General Secretariat the necessary studies required for establishment of the Regional Institute for Complementary Studies;

2. Entrusts the General Secretariat with the task of submitting these studies, after examination, to the next sessions of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs for submission to the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 11/13-C

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CALENDAR FOR THE BEGINNING OF LUNAR MONTHS AND UNIFICATION OF ISLAMIC HOLIDAYS

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling Resolution No.8/12-C adopted by the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the establishment of a calendar for the beginning/Lunar months and unification of Islamic holidays,

Having examined the recommendations of the Eighth and Ninth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Having taken note of the detailed note submitted by the General Secretariat on its follow-up of the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the Islamic Conference and on its participation in the fourth session of the Hijri Calendar committee held in Algiers in March 1982,

1. Commends the efforts and works of the Hijri Calendar Committee stemming from the Istanbul Conference on the unification of Lunar months and Islamic holidays.
2. Requests all Member States to join this Committee and to work within its framework to achieve the basic objectives stated in the resolutions of past Islamic conferences of Foreign Ministers concerning the unification of Lunar months and Islamic holidays in Member States.
3. Requests the General Secretariat to continue to study the possibility of holding the first enlarged meeting of the Committee at the end of the current year in consultation and coordination with the General Secretariat of the Istanbul Conference on unification of lunar months and Islamic holidays.

RESOLUTION NO: 12/13-C

ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF NIGER

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling the previous resolutions of the Islamic Conference regarding the Project for the establishment of two Islamic Universities in Niger and Uganda,

Noting the resolution of the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers affirming the necessity of providing a sum of \$ 66 million for the first phase of the Project for the construction of the Islamic University of Niger and inviting the Member States to make donation for this project,

Further Noting the relevant recommendation of the Eighth Session of the Islamic Commission for and Cultural and Social Affairs,

Noting with satisfaction that work has commenced on the construction of the Islamic University of Niger,

1. RENEWS its commitment to make available all necessary material and human resources for the realization of this project.

2. RECOGNIZES the urgent necessity of providing the necessary funds for the carrying out of the first phase of the Project.

3. REQUESTS the Secretary General to step up its efforts with member states in order to encourage them to contribute to the financing of the Project, to keep the authorities in the Republic of Niger regularly informed of the results of such contacts, and to submit a report thereon to the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

4. URGES the Islamic Solidarity Fund to keep on and increase the allocations earmarked for helping the project.

5. REQUESTS the Islamic Development Bank to set aside part of its charity funds for the implementation of the project for the construction of the Islamic University in Niger.

6. EXPRESSES its thanks and gratitude to the Governments of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Iraq, the Republic of Indonesia, the State of Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, which made donations to the project and urges them to continue their generous support also thanks the Government of the Republic of Niger for the attention it has paid to the project and for its financial and moral support for it; and to the government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for its readiness to provide technical aid in running the University

7. REQUESTS all member states, who have not yet done so, to contribute to the financing of this Project ; at their earliest convenience.

8. REQUESTS the Secretariat General an exceptional emergency measure, to approach urgently the Member States so that the remaining amount of \$ 66 million provided for the implementation of the first phase of the project be made available as early as possible.

9. ALSO REQUESTS the Secretary General to examine, in close cooperation with the authorities of Niger and in the spirit of understanding and solidarity that characterizes the Islamic Community, any other problems relating to the implementation of this Project ;

10. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report on it to the Fourteenth Session of the Islamic Conference.

RESOLUTION NO. 13/13-C

THE PROJECT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN UGANDA

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling resolution 4/3-C(IS) of the Third Islamic Summit concerning the establishment of the Islamic University in Uganda,

Further recalling Resolution No. 9/12-C of the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,

Taking Note of the report of the General Secretariat on the project contained in DOC. ICFM/13-82/CS/D.10,

1. Commends the Government of Uganda and the General Secretariat for the efforts so far made towards the establishment of the Islamic University in Uganda;
2. Approves the recommendations contained in the Explanatory Note ICFM/13-82/C.S/D.10, the project of the Islamic University in Uganda, provided that the Joint Committee should be formed of 10 members, with five members from Uganda and 5 members from the General Secretariat,
3. Appeals to Member States to make generous donations towards the realisation of the project;
4. Requests the General Secretariat to continue its efforts, in coordination with the government of Uganda, towards the early establishment of the Islamic University in Uganda;
5. Decides to seek the help of the Islamic Science Foundation for Science & Technology and Development in providing technical assistance for the project of the establishment of the Islamic University in Uganda.

RESOLUTION NO. 14/13-C

PROJECT OF THE NEW BUILDING OF THE ZEYTOUNIYYA COLLEGE IN TUNISIA

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling Resolution No. 10/12-CS of the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the construction of the new building of the Zeytouniyya College in the Republic of Tunisia,

Highlighting the important role which this Islamic educational institution continues to play in the dissemination of Islamic culture in North Africa and elsewhere,

Noting the recommendations of the Ninth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs,

1. Affirms provisions of Resolution No. 10/12-CS regarding the construction of the new building of Al Zeytounyya College in Tunisia.

2. Requests the General Secretariat to circulate to Member States a memorandum appealing to them to respond favourably to the call for support for this project.

3. Expresses its thanks to the governments of Indonesia and Kuwait and to the Islamic Solidarity Fund, for their favourable response to the appeal of the Organization for contributions to the efforts extended by Tunisia to complete this project.

RESOLUTION NO. 15/13-C THE ISLAMIC CENTRE IN GUINEA-BISSAU

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling Resolution No.11/I2-C adopted by the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,

Noting with great interest the eagerness shown by the General Secretariat and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau to implement the project for establishment of the Islamic Centre in Guinea-Bissau in stages and according to the availability of financial resources,

Having noted the explanatory note submitted on the subject by the General Secretariat, and having listened with great attention to the clarifications thereon by the Representative of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau,

1. Reaffirms its decision to entrust the General Secretariat, its contacts with the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau on the implementation of the project of the Islamic Centre in Guinea-Bissau the possibility of beginning with the construction of the mosque in consultation with the Government of Guinea-Bissau.

2. Appeals to Member States to provide the funds required to implement this project.

3. Expresses thanks and appreciation to the Governments of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Indonesia, as well as to the Islamic Solidarity Fund, for their generous contributions to promote this project.

RESOLUTION NO. 16/13-C

TURNING THE AHMED BABA CENTRE IN TINBUCTU, MALI, INTO A REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF ISLAMIC STUDIES

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling the Resolutions adopted by previous Islamic Conferences, and in particular resolution (12/12-C) adopted by the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, on turning the Ahmed Baba Centre in Timbuctu into a Regional Institute of Islamic Studies,

Affirming anew the contents of Resolution No. (4/3-C) adopted by the Third Islamic Summit, stressing the Organization of the Islamic Conference's commitment to support this project,

Commending the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund's policy of continuing to provide the Centre with financial assistance,

Having taken cognizance of the General Secretariat in this regard, as well as the report of the UNESCO mission of experts who visited the Republic of Mali at the request of the General Secretariat,

1. Affirms the follow-up of the implementation of the project for turning the Ahmed Baba Centre in Timbuctu, Mali, into a Regional Institute of Research and Islamic Studies, and urges Member States, in general, and neighbouring African Member States, in particular, to provide the Government of the Republic of Mali with moral and financial support to execute the project;

2. Requests the General Secretariat and the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund to cooperate with the government of the Republic of Mali, with a view to implementing the project and extending the necessary aid;

3. Expresses gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Iraq, to the Republic of Indonesia and to the Islamic Solidarity Funds for the assistance rendered to the Government of Mali to start the implementation of this important Islamic project.

RESOLUTION NO. 17/13-C

THE ISLAMIC INSTITUTE FOR TRANSLATION AT KHARTOUM

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling Resolution 13/12-C, of the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers regarding the Islamic Institute for Translation at Khartoum,

Having reviewed the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat regarding the steps taken to implement the project and the stages so far completed,

Commending the policy of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund of granting fixed annual assistance to the Democratic Republic of the Sudan to carry out the project;

1. Approves the statute of the Islamic Institute for Translation in Khartoum..

2. Renews its request to all Member States and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to offer more financial aid to cover the budgetary estimates required to implement the various stages of construction of the Institute.

3. Requests the General Secretariat and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to continue to coordinate their efforts with the government of the Democratic Republic of Sudan with a view to pursuing the implementation of the project according to schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 18/13-E
ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY SPORTS FEDERATION

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling Resolution No. 7/3-C of the Third Islamic Summit Conference on the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation,

Also recalling Resolution 14/12-C of the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on this subject,

Noting the recommendations of the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on this subject;

Also taking note of the steps taken by the General Secretariat to prepare the final draft of the Statute for the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation, in the light of the observations Trade by Member States,

1. Approves the Statute of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation.
2. Urges the host State, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to make the necessary arrangements regarding the establishment of the Headquarters and other facilities for the Federation in cooperation and coordination with the General Secretariat;
3. Requests the General Secretariat to convene a meeting of the Federation's General Assembly in coordination with the host country.

RESOLUTION NO. 19/13-C
INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC LAW COMMISSION

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling Resolution No. 15/12-C of the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers regarding the International Islamic Law Commission,

Noting the recommendations on this subject of the Eighth and Ninth Sessions of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and social Affairs,

Having reviewed the report of the Experts Group meeting held in Baghdad from 2-6 April 1982 and the Draft Statute of the International Islamic Law Commission prepared by the Experts Group,

Taking note of the efforts exerted by the General Secretariat to elicit the views of Member States with regard to the new draft statute,

1.Charges the General Secretariat to follow up its contact with the Member States in order to obtain their views and comments on the Draft Statute of the International Islamic law commission.

2.further charges the General Secretariat to prepare a detailed report on these views and to revise the draft statute in the light of such views and subsequently to submit the issue to the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers through the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and social Affairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 20/13-C

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ISLAMIC FIQH ACADEMY

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling Resolution 8/3-C on the Islamic Fiqh Academy, of the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Makka Al-Mukarramah, Taif.

Also recalling Resolution No. 16/12-C on the same subject of the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,

Taking note of the recommendations of the Eight and Ninth Sessions of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs,

Having reviewed the results of the meeting of the enlarged Committee of Experts held in Jeddah and the new Draft Statute for the Academy,

Having adopted the explanatory note submitted on this subject by the General Secretariat,

Approves the final draft of the statute of the Islamic Fiqh Academy.

Reiterates that the General Secretariat should cooperate and coordinate with the host State, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with a view to holding a general constituent conference for the Islamic Fiqh Academy as early as possible and to complete the necessary measures for establishing the Academy.

Requests the General Secretariat to submit observations and suggestion made by Member States on the Statute of the Academy to the General Constitutive Conference of the Islamic Fiqh Academy for study and adoption of appropriate decisions.

RESOLUTION NO. 21/13-C

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

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Expressing concern at the expansion of Christian missionary activities in Africa and more especially, in the Indian Ocean Zone,

Conscious of the necessity of countering these alarming activities,

Having considered memorandum No. ICFM/13-82/CS/D.21 submitted by the delegation of the Federal Islamic republic of Comoro on this subject.

1. Requests the Islamic solidarity Fund and the concerned specialized Islamic Organizations to undertake the necessary studies on the establishment of an Islamic Cultural Centre in Moroni, Islamic Federal Republic of Comoros.

2. Also requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report to the Member States before the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

3. Urges the Member States and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to extend necessary aid for the realization of this project immediately after its adoption by the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 22/13-C

CELEBRATIONS MARKING THE FOURTEENTH HIJRA CENTURY

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling the Resolution of the earlier session of the Conference of Foreign Ministers concerning the programme of celebrations at the international and national levels marking the advent of the Foundation of Hijra Century,

Hailing the progress so far realised on the implementation of the programmes on this historic occasion,

Commending the measures undertaken by the General Secretariat for implementing these programmes,

1. Urges Member States to render the support necessary for the holding of other official Conferences and Exhibitions envisaged in the programme of celebrations marking the Fourteenth Hijra Century;

2. Expresses thanks and appreciation to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for its financial contribution to the programme of celebrations;

3. Urges the Islamic Solidarity Fund to grant greater assistance for the realisation of the preparation, editing and publication of works and the production of films on this occasion;

4. Requests the General Secretariat to expedite the implementation of programmes pertaining to the publication of works and production of films.

RESOLUTION NO: 23/13-C

THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Recalling Resolution. No. 9/3C of the third Islamic Summit Conference "Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif" Session on consolidating the resources and "WAQF" of the Islamic Solidarity Fund,

Taking note of the report submitted by the Chair-man of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund on the Fund's activities,

Convinced of the necessity of consolidating the Islamic Solidarity Fund to enable it to perform its task and achieve its noble objectives, stipulated in the Fund's Statute,

Also convinced of the Fund's effective role in financing the spiritual, cultural and social activities of the Organization of the Islamic Conference,

1. APPROVES the report of the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund.

2. AGREES to convene a special session for the purpose of announcement of contributions to the Fund by the Member States;

3. ALSO AGREES hold a special session at which the Member States would announce their contributions to the Fund's Waqf.

4. APPROVES the Fund's closing accounts for the financial year 1981/1982 and its budgetary estimates of the financial year 1982/1983.

5. ELECTS the following member states as members of the permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for the period July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1984 : Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah, State of Kuwait, Republic of Iraq, State of Qatar, Somali Democratic Republic, Republic of guinea-Bissau, Republic of Tunisia, Republic of Sierra Leone, People's Republic of Bangladesh, Republic of Indonesia, Palestine.

6. EXPRESSES gratitude and appreciation to the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Fund, Dr. Azeddine Ibrahim, for his great services to the Fund, as well as to the Executive Bureau of the Fund.

7. AGREES to grant permanent membership of the WAQF's Board of Trustees to Member States which contribute more than Dollar two million to the WAQF's capital.

8. REQUESTS the Fund to continue to support the institutions and organizations stemming from the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

9. ALSO REQUESTS the Fund to support large scale projects along with other assistance.

RESOLUTION NO. 24/13-C

AID TO REFUGEES AND TO COUNTRIES SUFFERING FROM NATURAL CALAMITIES

The Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, from 3-7 Zul Qada, 1402H (22-26 August, 1982),

Expressing its concern on the increasing number of refugees all over the world,

Conscious of the fact that a large majority of these refugees are of Muslim origin and that they constitute a heavy burden for the countries granting them asylum and help,

Taking note of the report of the General Secretariat on the problem of Muslim Refugees,

1. Commends the aid granted by the Member States and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to the countries who provide shelter to the refugees.

2. Appeals to the Member States of the Organization render all possible assistance to these refugees on a purely humanitarian and fraternal basis.

3. Requests the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to follow up, in close cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the developments of the situation of refugees,

4. Urges all Member States and the affiliated institutions of the Organization of Islamic Conference to provide all forms of aid and assistance to the Government of the Peoples.