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RESOLUTION No. 1/9-C

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE IN ISTANBUL TURKEY

The Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 17-21 Jumad Al Awal, 1398 H. (24-28 April, 1978),

HAVING CONSIDERED the document submitted by the General Secretariat and the draft Statutes of the Centre;

NOTING that the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund has undertaken a detailed study of the Statute and amended it in the light of the provisions of the Charter of the Islamic Conference;

NOTING further the views on the subject expressed in the report of the Third Session of the Islamic Committee for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs:

1. APPROVES the draft Statutes as amended;
2. REQUESTS the General Secretariat to hold consultations with the Government of the Republic of Turkey to exempt the Centre from banking restrictions and to exempt its holdings and property from duties and taxes applicable in Turkey, and further to grant diplomatic status to the Centre;
3. RECORDS its thanks to the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for the contribution of US \$ 250,000 to the Government of the Republic of Turkey to enable it to start work on the Centre.
4. REITERATES its appeal to Member States to make contributions to finance the Centre.

RESOLUTION No. 2/9-C

THE TEACHING OF THE ISLAMIC RELIGION AND ARABIC LANGUAGE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING INSTITUTES FOR TEACHERS OF ARABIC AND ISLAMIC RELIGION

The Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 17-21 Jumad Al Awal, 1398 H. (24-28 April, 1978),

NOTING the resolutions adopted by the Seventh and Eighth Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers on religious orientation and the Arabic language;

NOTING also the resolution adopted by the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund at its Ninth Session in Jeddah on the establishment of the Fund for International Arabic Islamic Schools and the recommendation of the Sub Committee set up to examine this matter:

1. AFFIRMS the previous resolutions adopted by the Conference which urge Member States:
 - a. to redouble their efforts in giving greater attention to the Islamic way of life, incorporating Arabic in the syllabi of public schools, undertaking the sacred duty of propagating the Islamic "Dawa", Islamic culture and the Arabic language as well as the use of up-to-date educational techniques for this purpose;
 - b. to strengthen the World Federation of International Arabic Islamic Schools to enable it to pursue its efforts in the field of teaching the Arabic language and the Islamic religion and to organize teacher training courses.
2. REQUESTS the General Secretariat to devote still greater attention to the teaching of the

Islamic religion and the Arabic language, stressing the use of up-to-date teaching techniques and to continue its existing cooperation with the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the World Federation of International Arabic Islamic Schools, so that the latter may implement its projects relating to the Islamic educational institutions and the training of their teachers in propagating the language of the Koran and Islamic culture throughout the world.

3. INVITES the said Federation to facilitate the admission of organizations operating in the field of Islamic Dawa and the teaching of the Islamic religion and Arabic language in member states, to the membership of the Federation. The General Secretariat will, meanwhile, follow up what has been achieved in this field and report on its findings to the Tenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

4. APPEALS to the Arab member states of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to support the efforts exerted by non-Arab speaking countries, through providing the necessary facilities for spreading the Arabic language in these countries such as text-books, scholarships and teachers for teaching the Arabic and Islamic religion.

5. REFERS the project presented by the World Federation of International Arabic and Islamic Schools on the establishment of training institutes for teachers to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for consideration in collaboration with the Federation, and for taking the necessary measures for its implementation.

6. REFERS the project of Koranic schools and primary schools for absorbing the "Katateeb" students to the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for consideration and adaptation of the necessary measures for the project.

7. AFFIRMS the resolutions of the Seventh Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers relating to the establishment of International Arabic Islamic Schools and to the support given by the World Federation to these schools, and to renew the Eighth Conference's call on member states to support the Federation materially, morally and educationally and to support the Federation's call for establishing a fund for school buildings.

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of the Committee of Representatives of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund, prepared in consultation with the Islamic Development Bank and the said Federation on the plan for establishing the proposed fund, and

HAVING REVIEWED the draft statutes of the proposed fund aimed at extending loans and financial and technical assistance as well as the provision of modern educational facilities to the International Arab Islamic Schools:

DECIDES to establish the proposed fund and requests the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Islamic Development Bank to collaborate with the Federation in the establishment of the Fund within the framework of the proposed statutes, and assist the Federation in its contacts with the Governments of member states and with Muslims individually and collectively for contributions to the Fund.

RESOLUTION No. 3/9-C

THE ISLAMIC SCIENCE FOUNDATION

The Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 17-21 Jumad Al Awal, 1398 H. (24-28 April, 1978),

RECALLING the Resolutions on this subject adopted at the previous sessions of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

TAKING NOTE of the recommendations of the Third Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

REAFFIRMING the commitment of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to set up the Islamic Science Foundation:

APPROVES the establishment of an Advisory Science Council consisting of 14 scientists representing different disciplines and geographic regions nominated by their respective governments. The First Advisory Science Council will consist of scientists from Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, together with a representative of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALESCO) and a representative of a fourteenth country to be chosen by the Council on the recommendation of the Secretary General.

The first task assigned to the Advisory Science Council would be the drafting of a Charter for the Islamic Science Foundation, with the assistance of legal experts.

REITERATES that the amount required for the establishment of the first phase of the Foundation is US\$ 50 million.

APPROVES the allocation of a sum of US\$ 500,000 for the initial program in accordance with the proposal of the General Secretariat to enable the convening of a scientific Conference of all member states with the aim of drafting a working paper on a common position to be adopted and submitted to UN Conference on Science and Technology for Development to be held in 1979.

REQUESTS the General Secretariat to take the necessary measures to obtain the required financial resources for the Foundation from the following sources:

- (i) Contribution of member states.
- (ii) Assistance from the Islamic Solidarity Fund.
- (iii) Donations and assistance that may be offered by organizations and individuals.

URGES member states to donate generously to the Islamic Science Foundation.

RESOLUTION No. 4/9-C

THE CAPABILITY TO PERFORM PILGRIMAGE

The Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 17-21 Jumad Al Awal, 1398 H. (24-28 April, 1978),

RECALLING Resolution No. 8/8-C of the Eighth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers concerning the ability to perform Hajj according to the Shariah;

ENDORISING the views expressed in the report of the Third Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs:

REQUESTS the General Secretariat to take the necessary measures for holding an Islamic seminar of Muslim scholars and experts to discuss the "Ability to perform Hajj according to the Shariah" and to include in the Working Paper the proposal and observations made by the Member States on the subject. The conclusions of the seminar should be submitted to the Tenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 5/9-C

ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO ISLAMIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE NIGER AND UGANDA

The Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 17-21 Jumad Al Awal, 1398 H. (24-28 April, 1978),

HAVING CONSIDERED the documents submitted by the General Secretary regarding the progress towards the establishment of Islamic Universities in the Niger and Uganda,

TAKING NOTE of the statement made by the Representatives of the Niger and Uganda on this subject;

NOTING ALSO the special attention given by the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund to the establishment of the two universities:

APPROVES the report of the delegation which visited the Niger and Uganda on behalf of the Permanent Council of Islamic Solidarity Fund;

EXPRESSES its appreciation to the Governments of the Niger and Uganda for the efforts exerted by them towards the establishment of the two universities, and

REITERATES the appeal of the Eighth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers to all member States to donate generously towards the two projects in order to cover the gap between the legitimate requirements of the projects and the allocations made by the Islamic Solidarity Fund.

RESOLUTION No. 6/9-C

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC "RED CRESCENT ORGANIZATION"

The Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dakar,; Republic of Senegal, from 17-21 Jumad Al Awal, 1398 H. (24-28 April, 1978),

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of the General Secretariat on the establishment of an International Islamic "Red Crescent" Organization;

TAKING NOTE of the recommendations on the subject made by the Third Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs:

DECIDES that the headquarters of the proposed Organization should be in the Popular Socialist Libyan Arab Jamahiriya;

REQUESTS the General Secretariat to convene a meeting of representatives of the Red Crescent Societies and similar organizations in Member States, to discuss and propose:

- (i) a suitable name for the Organization,
- (ii) its detailed objectives and organizational structure.

The meeting should be held in Jamahiriya at least two months before the Fourth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.

RESOLUTION No. 7/9-C

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE ISLAMIC CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 17-21 Jumad Al Awal, 1398 H. (24-28 April, 1978),

RECALLING Economic Resolution No. 11 adopted by the Sixth. Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers which declared that "the historical monuments existing in the Islamic countries are a joint Islamic heritage, the preservation of which is of importance to the entire World";

HAVING GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION to the useful study prepared by the General Secretariat regarding the establishment of an international Commission for the Preservation of the Islamic Cultural Heritage;

APPROVES, in principle, the establishment of an International Commission for the preservation of the Islamic Cultural Heritage;

This Commission would have, inter alia, the following tasks:

- (a) Preservation of the Islamic Cultural Heritage represented by well known historical monuments in cases where the Member State concerned does not possess the financial, technical or other resources to do so, with special reference to the relics in "Al Quds Al Sharif" (Jerusalem) and the other occupied Arab territories.
- (b) Considering ways and means to put an end to the practice of stealing of these relics or removing them from the territories of the Muslim World, while calling for their restoration to the member countries from which they had been illegally removed.
- (c) Making arrangements for filming and preserving Islamic manuscript and relics.
- (d) Publicizing Islamic Heritage.
- (e) Preparing a draft-agreement, to be concluded among member countries, for the realization of the above-mentioned objectives.

The Conference authorizes the Secretary-General to commission a detailed study on the subject by qualified Muslim experts and submit it initially to the next session of the Islamic

Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs and to the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for examination before it is presented to the Tenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 8/9-C

COORDINATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTRES, INSTITUTIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

The Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 17-21 Jumad Al Awal, 1398 H. (24-28 April, 1978),

RECALLING Resolution No. 7/8-C of the Eighth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

RE-EMPHASIZING the importance of the work of Islamic Cultural Centres throughout the world and the need for coordinating their activities,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the establishment of a coordinate Committee to ensure fuller cooperation and exchange of information between the Islamic Solidarity Fund and other organizations having similar activities:

REQUESTS the General Secretariat to expedite the establishment of suitable agencies in Africa, Asia and the Americas, on the pattern of the Islamic Council of Europe or in any other manner appropriate to conditions in the region concerned, and to coordinate the activities of Islamic Cultural Centres and associations in these regions;

ALSO REQUESTS the General Secretariat to continue its efforts to coordinate its activities with those organizations working in the field of Islamic Da'wa in member countries or to extend assistance to Islamic Cultural activities in different parts of the world.

RESOLUTION No. 9/9-C

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ISLAMIC EDUCATION

The Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 17-21 Jumad Al Awal, 1398 H (24-28 April, 1978),

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of the recommendation adopted by the First International Conference on Islamic Education held in Mecca Al Mukarramah, under the sponsorship of King Abdel Aziz University, on 12-20 Rabi Al Thani, 1397 H, for the purpose of establishing an educational system inspired by the Holy Quran and the Sunnah and also in tune with modern educational developments and concepts:

RECOMMENDS that the General Secretariat circulate the said recommendations to member states in order to serve as guidelines in drawing up their educational systems and for preparing their text books;

APPRECIATES the necessity of establishing an Islamic International Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization to be based in Mecca Al-Mukarramah, which would undertake the task of coordination between Islamic universities and educational and scientific

institutions and supervising Islamic Educational policies;

DECIDES to entrust the General Secretariat with the task of examining this matter in consultation with the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, particularly as regards the draft statute and the proposed budget of the Organization.

RESOLUTION No. 10/9-C

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS TO MARK THE FIFTEENTH HIJRA CENTURY

The Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 17-21 Jumad Al Awal, 1398 H (24-28 April, 1978),

NOTING the two resolutions adopted by the Seventh and Eighth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the celebrations marking the Fifteenth Hijra Century;

NOTING ALSO the program and reports drawn up by the preparatory committee composed of a number of member states to celebrate the advent of the Fifteenth Hijra Century, as well as the detailed plan and budgetary requirements;

DECIDES:

1. TO EXTEND the period for world wide celebrations marking the advent of the Fifteenth Hijra Century over the years 1400 and 1401 H;
2. TO CONVENE a special session of the Islamic Conference at Summit level, on the occasion of the advent of the Fifteenth Hijra Century;
3. TO ENTRUST the General Secretariat with holding consultations with Member States for fixing the date and venue of this Conference.
4. TO APPROVE the report of the special preparatory committee in charge of celebrations marking the advent of the Fifteenth Hijra Century which met in Rabat, the Kingdom of Morocco, on 20-22 Safar, 1398 (30 January - 1 February, 1978);

The report shall be attached to the previously approved official program, and referred to the General Secretariat for guidance.

5. TO URGE the General Secretariat to set up a body entrusted exclusively with following up implementation of the resolutions and recommendations concerning the programs marking the advent of the Fifteenth Hijra Century.

RESOLUTION No. 11/9-C

ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ISLAMIC CENTRE IN GUINEA-BISSAU

The Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 17-21 Jumad Al Awal, 1398 H. (24-28 April, 1978),

HAVING REVIEWED THE RESOLUTIONS of the Seventh and Eighth Conferences on the creation of an Islamic Centre in the Republic of Guinea Bissau;

DECIDES:

TO ASK the General Secretariat of the Islamic Conference to pursue its contacts with the Government of Guinea Bissau with a view to obtaining all necessary details concerning the establishment of an Islamic Centre there, including its size, cost and requirements, and to communicate this information to member countries;

TO INVITE the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund to dispatch a mission to Guinea Bissau for consultation with the competent authorities regarding measures taken for the implementation of the Centre and its future requirements;

TO COMMEND the contribution of the Islamic Solidarity Fund and Member States to the Republic of Guinea Bissau to establish the Islamic Centre;

TO TAKE NOTE OF the views expressed by:

(a) the delegation of Saudi Arabia on the readiness of the Saudi Government to provide necessary assistance to set up the Centre once the relevant information is available;

(b) the delegation of the United Arab Emirates to provide assistance to set up the Centre through the joint UAE/Libyan Authority for the establishment of Islamic Centres;

TO REQUEST Member States to cooperate with the Republic of Guinea Bissau to implement the project of the Islamic Centre, and to draw attention to its importance, taking into consideration the condition of Muslims in that Republic.

RESOLUTION No. 12/9-C

ON THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND

The Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 17-21 Jumad Al Awal 1398 H. (24-28 April, 1978),

HAVING REVIEWED the report of the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund;

DECIDES:

1. To endorse the above-mentioned report;
2. To renew the appeal to member states to provide more contributions to reinforce the Fund's finances;
3. To approve the Fund's budget for the fiscal year 1978-79 as submitted in the report;
4. To refer the report of the expert Committee on the establishment of a "Waqf" for the Islamic Solidarity Fund to General Secretariat for detailed study;
5. To record its thanks to the Chairman and members of the Permanent Council in the Islamic Solidarity Fund for their efforts in the Fund's achievement.

RESOLUTION No. 13/9-C

ON HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

The Ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 17-21 Jumad Al Awal, 1398 H. (24-28 April, 1978),

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of the First International Islamic Seminar held in Dacca, Bangladesh from 20 to 22 March, 1978 (11 to 13 Rabi Al Thani, 1398 H) in pursuance of the resolution adopted by the Seventh Session of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund (Abu Dhabi, 12 to 15 March, 1977);

CONSIDERING that the seminar's theme, "Human and Natural Resources of the Muslim World", is of paramount interest and importance to the member states;

BEARING IN MIND the responsibility of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to foster better understanding and appreciation of the problems and prospects of the Islamic countries:

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Dacca Seminar and calls on all Islamic countries and organizations to consider implementation of these recommendations;
2. Commends the role of the Islamic Solidarity Fund in drawing up the plan to hold a series of such Seminars in various countries on a number of important topics;
3. Expresses its great appreciation to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for hosting the seminar as well as for the contribution it has made to its success, in particular to President Ziaur Rahman who kindly inaugurated and underscored the crucial importance of the Seminar;
4. Requests the General Secretariat to effect wide dissemination of the recommendations of the Seminar and to initiate suitable action for eliciting the views of the member countries on measures to be adopted with a view to the implementation of the recommendations.