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RESOLUTION No. 1/32-C ON GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS

The 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,(Session of Integration and Development) held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, from 21-23 Jumad UI Awwal 1426H (28-30 June 2005);

Recalling the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10th Session of Islamic Summit Conference and the 31st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Having considered the Final Communique of the <u>Fourth Islamic Conference of Cultural Ministers</u> (ICCM) held in Algiers, Algeria, 15 – 16 December, 2004;

Observing the spreading of the phenomenon of globalization, the development of the means of communication and the concomitant substantial flow of information in all fields and their repercussions on the cultural aspects;

Recalling the principles of the Tehran Declaration adopted in December 1997 by the Eighth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference affirming that Islamic Civilization has always and throughout history been rooted in peaceful coexistence, cooperation, mutual understanding, as well as constructive dialogue with other civilizations.

Considering the role of mosques in consolidating solidarity and cooperation in the Islamic Ummah, as emphasized in the OIC Charter;

Cognizant of the pioneering role of Islamic Waqfs System in enriching Islamic civilization and their effective contribution to the establishing of economic and social institutions of society as well as their notable contribution to the educational and health fields and to combat poverty;

Having considered also the report of the Secretary General on the subject;

a) Ways and Means of Implementing the Cultural Strategy and the Plan of Action for the Islamic World.

- Recommends the adoption of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World in its modified form in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Fourth Islamic Conference of Cultural Ministers.
- 2. **Ratifies** the decisions of 4th Islamic Conference of Cultural Ministers (ICCM) held in Algiers, Algeria, 15-16 December, 2004 and the Consultative Council's reports on the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for he Islamic World adopted by its previous meetings.

- 3. **Calls upon** Member States wishing to implement cultural projects, to submit those projects to the Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) which shall refer them to the Consultative Council for Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic world.
- 4. **Welcomes** the new constitution of Members of the Consultative Council for implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic world which is composed as follows:
 - 1. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 - 2. People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.
 - 3. General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)
 - 4. Syrian Arab Republic.
 - 5. Sultanate of Oman.
 - 6. Republic of the Gambia.
 - 7. Republic of Azerbaijan.
 - 8. Islamic Republic of Iran.
 - 9. Republic of Senegal.
 - 10. Republic of Tunisia.
 - 11. Republic of Niger.
 - 12. Republic of Togo.
 - 13. Malaysia.
- Expresses its utmost gratitude and appreciation to H.E. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the Algerian Republic, for having hosted the Fourth Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers and holding it under his high patronage, thanks ISESCO and the Algerian Ministry of Culture for the good preparation and excellent organization which contributed to holding the Conference in the best conditions, and adopts its resolutions and Resolutions. The Committee welcomes the request of the Great Jamahiriya to host the 5th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in the year 2007, and entrusts ISESCO with convening it.

b) Cultural Aspects of the Phenomenon of Globalization

- 1. **Calls** on the Secretary General to prepare in cooperation with Member States an in-depth study aimed at protecting Islamic culture and heritage against the negative impact of globalization.
- 2. **Calls on** the OIC General Secretariat and ISESCO to pursue its efforts through convening specialized symposia to address this issue.
- 3. Welcomes the setting-up of the Islamic Group in UNESCO, and urges the aforesaid Group to hold regular meetings at Ambassadorial and Expert levels in order to coordinate the positions of the Member States on issues of common concern to the Islamic world, in particular, on the international Convention on Cultural Diversity which is expected to be finalized in 2005. The Conference

also mandated the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) to coordinate the meetings and activities of this Group in UNESCO.

c) The Universal Declaration on Dialogue among Civilizations

- 1. **Welcomes** UN General Assembly's Resolution adopted in its 58th Session on the promotion of religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation advocating the respect of the specificities of each culture or religion, and stressing the need to respect and protect religious sites in accordance with the relevant international treaties, which would promote dialogue among civilizations.
- 2. Commends the signing on 1 May 2005 in Jeddah the Agreement establishing the Tunis Peace Forum between the Republic of Tunisia and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference as an embodiment of the resolution of the Tenth Islamic Summit Conference in Putrajaya and looks forward to effective cooperation between the two sides to implement the terms of the Agreement in the service of civilizational dialogue among peoples and in consolidation of the values of tolerance, enlightened moderation and solidarity.
- 3. Commends the initiative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), the Arab League Educational and Scientific Organization (ALESCO), the Danish Centre for Culture and Development (CDDC) and the Analind Euro Mediation Institution for Dialogue among Cultures (EUROME), to convene an international conference on the "promotion of Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations through concrete and sustainable initiatives (Rabat 14-16 June 2005), under the noble auspices of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco. Ratifies the conclusions, recommendations and resolutions adopted by the (Rabat Pledgtes) and appreciates highly the outstanding organizational and academic efforts of ISESCO to ensure the success of this international conference.
- 4. Welcomes the current coordination between the General Secretariat of the OIC, UNESCO, ISESCO and ALESCO concerning the convening of an international conference on interactive dialogue, and calls upon all Member States and the Islamic Development Bank to provide all moral and financial support for the success of the activities of the conference.
- 5. Welcomes and commends the intention of H.E. President Mohammad Khatami of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to create a global Forum for the Promotion of Dialogue Among Civilizations and Cultures and expresses the readiness of the relevant bodies of the OIC System for close cooperation with that Forum in realizing its objectives.
- 6. Welcomes and supports the initiative of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev on convening the Congress of Leaders of Divine Religions, and calls the Member States to encourage contribution and participation of their respective religious leaders in the work of the Congress.

d) The Unified Hijri Calendar for the Beginnings of the Lunar Months and the Unification of Islamic Holidays

- 1. **Welcomes** the efforts by the Fatwa Institution in cooperation with the University of Cairo and the Centre for Space Studies and Consultations to establish a satellite project whose main function is to ensure the sighting of the lunar months in order to unify Islamic holidays.
- 2. **Calls upon** all the Member States, Islamic institutions to support the Fatwa institution in the Arab Republic of Egypt with the necessary funds so as to enable it to implement the project in an optimal manner.

e) The World Week of Mosques

- Adopts the observance of the World Week of Mosques to begin on the 21St
 August of every year, anniversary date of the burning of the Al Aqsa Mosque by
 Zionist fanatics;
- 2. **Calls on** Member States to commemorate the week through celebrations with a view to consolidating and safeguarding mosques, as holy places in accordance with the tolerant Islamic values.

f) Promoting Waqfs and their Role in the Development of Islamic Societies

- 1. **Urges** the Member States to provide further attention and care to Waqfs in their countries in the legislative and administrative fields, and give them the chance to develop their societies.
- Expresses satisfaction for the efforts of the Islamic Development Bank to pay attention to Waqfs, hold seminars and meaningfully contribute towards investing and developing Waqf assets, and lauds the IDB for founding the World Waqf Organization.
- 3. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat and IDB to hold regular meetings to examine and enhance the performance of the various Waqfs, especially those devoted to Islamic Universities.
- 4. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the matter and report thereon to the 33rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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THE ADOPTION OF A UNIFIED STAND ON THE BELITTLING OF ISLAMIC SANCTITIES AND VALUES

RESOLUTION No. 2/32-C On Protection of Islamic Sanctities

a) Destruction of the Babri Masjid and Protection of Islamic Holy Places

The 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Integration and Development) held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, from 21-23 Jumad UI Awwal 1426H (28-30 June 2005);

Recalling Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference and the 31st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Recalling the objectives of the OIC which stress the need for coordinated effort to safeguard the Islamic Holy Places and strengthen the struggle of Islamic peoples for the preservation of their dignity, independence and national rights;

Also recalling the Resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, on the unified stand against the desecration of Islamic Holy Places, especially Resolution No.3/6-C(IS) of the Sixth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference;

Noting that the Babri Mosque with its history spanning five Centuries was the object of veneration and respect of Muslims all over the world;

Also noting with regret that the 10th anniversary of the Babri Masjid has passed without concrete steps being taken towards rebuilding of the Masjid or punishing those responsible for the sacrilegious act of its destruction;

Recalling also that the Organization of the Islamic Conference made several appeals to the Indian Government to prevent any violation of the sanctity of the Mosque and emphasized the responsibility of the Government of India for safeguarding the inviolability of the Mosque and protecting its building against attacks by Hindu extremists;

Expressing deep concern over acts of vandalism and violence perpetrated by Hindu Extremists in India against the Muslim minority aimed at uprooting the Islamic culture and heritage in India. Also expressing deep anger and indignation at the destruction of the Babri Mosque, resulting in the killing of thousands of innocent Muslims and the indiscriminate destruction of their homes:

Noting with deep concern Indian statements in December 2000 on the destruction of the Hindu temple at the of the Babri Mosque;

Also noting with deep concern statements by Indian political leaders on the construction of the Ram Temple at the site of the Babri Masjid which was set for March 12, 2002; and that this intention remains on the agenda of the Hindu extremist organizations who have expressed their determination to revive the Ram Temple movement with a view to start construction of the Temple any time in the next 18 months.

Recalling the Resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on the unified stand against the violations of the sanctity of Sacred Muslim Places;

Having considered the Resolutions of the Twenty-sixth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

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

- 1. **Recommends** the Member States and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to follow up the implementation of the operative paragraphs of Resolution 19/9-C(IS) adopted by the Ninth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference which calls upon the government of India to:
 - (a) Ensure the safety and protection of the Muslims and all Islamic Holy Sites throughout India in accordance with its responsibilities and obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments.
 - (b) Take immediate steps to implement its solemn commitment to reconstruct the Babri Mosque on its original site, to restore it as a Holy Place for Muslims, and to punish those guilty of the sacrilegious act of destroying a revered religious symbol of the Islamic world.
 - (c) Remove the makeshift Hindu temple put together on the site of the Babri Mosque which is a continuation of the act s of desecration and an affront to the feelings of the Muslims in India and all parts of the Muslim world.
 - (d) **Take** effective measures to prevent the construction of a temple on the site of the Babri Mosque.
 - (e) **Take** immediate steps to ensure the protection of the other 3000 Mosques, especially those at Mathura and Varanasi, which have been the target of threats and destruction attempts by Hindu extremists.
- Strongly condemns the destruction of the historic Babri Mosque in Ayodhya, India, by Hindu extremists and hold them responsible for this outrageous act of destruction and sabotage.
- 3. **Expresses** deep regret over the failure of the Indian authorities to take appropriate measures to protect this important Muslim holy site.

- 4. **Condemns** the forced and illegal entry of Hindu militants into the site of the Babri Masjid on 17th October 2001.
- 5. **Expresses** its deep concern over the safety and security of the Muslim minority in India, in view of the gross human rights violations of thousands of innocent Muslims in various parts of India, including their right to life.
- 6. **Recommends** that the issue be submitted to the United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) through the OIC Member States accredited to Paris.
- 7. **Welcomes** in this connection the decision of the Indian Supreme Court of 24th October 1994 that "resolution of the conflict is outside its jurisdiction".
- 8. **Calls upon** the political parties in India, particularly the ruling coalition, not to make the building of the Ram Temple as an election issue.

b) The Destruction of Charar-e-Sharif Islamic Complex in Kashmir and other Islamic Sites therein

Recalling Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and other Islamic Conferences, in particular of the 10th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference and the 31st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Deeply concerned at the continuing violation of human rights at the hands of the Indian Security forces, in the Indian Occupied Kashmir including destruction and desecration of mosques and other Islamic sites;

Having considered the Resolution of the Twenty-sixth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

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

- 1. **Strongly deplores** the destruction of the 536 year old Islamic complex at Charar-e-Sharif which constitutes a serious aggression against the Islamic heritage of the Muslim people of Kashimir.
- 2. **Expresses** its concern over the loss of life and the burning of over 1500 houses of the civil residents of Charar-e-Sharif.
- 3. **Strongly** condemns the burning of the Shrine of Shah-e-Hamdan and the discretion of the Jamia Mosque at Safapur, and the burning of the Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar.

- 4. **Also condemns** the continuing desecration of the Mosques and Muslim Holy Places and denial of religious rights to the Muslim population in the Indian Occupied State.
- 5. **Urges** the international community, especially the Member States to exert utmost efforts to protect the basic rights of the Kashmiri people, (including their right to self-determination according to the concerned UN Resolution as well as to safeguard their religious and cultural rights and their Islamic heritage.
- c) The Destruction and Desecration of Islamic Historical and Cultural Relics and Shrines in the Occupied Azerbaijani Territories Resulting from the Aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan

Recalling the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference and the 31st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Affirming those objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) aimed at coordinating efforts to safeguard and preserve the Islamic heritage;

Stressing that pieces of Azerbaijani culture, archaeology and ethnography remained in the territories occupied by Armenia are part and parcel of this heritage, and hence must be protected;

Reiterating United Nations (UN) Security Council Resolutions Nos. 822, 853, 874 and 884 on the Armenian forces total withdrawal from all the occupied Azerbaijani territories, including the Lachin and Shousha areas, immediately and without conditions; and strongly urging Armenia to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Stressing that the mass and barbaric demolition of mosques and other Islamic Shrines in Azerbaijan, by Armenia, for ethnic cleansing is a crime of genocide;

Noting the tremendous losses inflicted by the Armenian aggressors insofar as the Islamic heritage is concerned in the Azerbaijani territories occupied by the Republic of Armenia, including complete or partial demolition of rare antiquities and places of Islamic civilization, history and architecture, such as mosques and other sanctuaries, mausoleums and tombs, archaeological sites, museums, libraries, artifact exhibition halls, government theatres and conservatories, besides and smuggling, out of the country, and destruction of a large number of precious property and millions of books and historic manuscripts;

Fully sharing the concern of the government and people of Azerbaijan in this respect;

Having taken cognizance of the report of the OIC Secretary-General on the subject:

- 1. **Strongly condemns** the barbaric acts committed by the Armenian aggressor in the Republic of Azerbaijan aiming at the total annihilation of the Islamic heritage in the occupied Azerbaijani territories;
- 2. Vigorously demands the strict and unconditional implementation by the Republic of Armenia of UN Security Council Resolutions Nos. 822, 853, 874 and 884.
- 3. **Emphasizes** its support of the efforts channeled by Azerbaijan at regional and international levels aimed at protecting and reserving the Islamic cultural values in the territories occupied by Armenia.
- 4. Asserts that Azerbaijan is entitled to receiving adequate compensation for the damage it sustained and considers that it is the responsibility of the Republic of Armenia to give full compensation for such damage.
- 5. **Requests** the relevant OIC subsidiary organs and specialized agencies to explore the possibility of drawing up a program to help rebuild the mosques, educational institutions, libraries and museums in the Azerbaijani territories liberated from occupation with the help of OIC Member States.
- 6. Thanks the Secretary-General for conveying the OIC Member States' stance on this issue to the United Nations (UNO), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and other international bodies, and for the coordination procedures undertaken in the framework of OIC subsidiary, specialized and affiliated organs. It also thanks those organs and organizations for their response, especially for the adoption by the IDB and ISESCO of programmes to implement projects to protect Islamic holy places in the Republic of Azerbaijan.
- 7. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the matter and report thereon to the 33rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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RECOMMENDTION No. 3/32-C ON SOCIAL MATTERS

The 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,(Session of Integration and Development) held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, from 21-23 Jumad UI Awwal 1426H (28-30 June 2005);

Recalling the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference and the 31st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Conscious of the growing need for Muslims throughout the world to promote Islamic revival and to create societies based on the Islamic principles of peace, justice and equality for all human beings;

Recalling in particular the principles stipulated in the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam as adopted by the 19th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers under Res. 49/19-P(1990) and in the Declaration on Child Rights and Protection in Islam as adopted by the Seventh Islamic Summit Conference under Res. 16/7-C(IS) (1994).

Underlining the necessity of finding appropriate methods to educate and rehabilitate the Muslim youth with a view to achieving the best cooperation and coordination among Islamic countries with the aim of ensuring progress and equity for all the youth of the Islamic Ummah:

Commending the work done by the National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Eurasian International Development Association to promote the Islamic Conference Youth Initiative.

Taking Note of the resolution of the 1st Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports on the Islamic Conference Youth initiative.

Having taken note of the Secretary General's Report

a) On the Islamic Conference Youth Forum - for dialogue and cooperation

Recalling earlier OIC Summit and Ministerial resolutions on Muslim Youth;

Proceeding from the resolution No. 15-31/C "On the Islamic Conference Youth Initiative" adopted by the Thirty-First Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Islambul, the Republic of Turkey on 14-16 June 2004;

Taking note of resolution 1/1-ICMYS adopted by the First Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers, held on 24-25 Safar 1426H (3-4 April 2005) in Jeddah, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which "welcomed the Islamic Conference Youth Forum to become a leading youth institution in the Organization of Islamic Conference"

Welcoming the recommendation of first meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts reviewing the rules of observer status at the OIC, held in Jeddah on 20-21 February 2005, to grant observer status to international NGOs aimed at promoting the cooperation between Member States.

Welcoming the establishment, within the framework of the Islamic Conference Youth Initiative, of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum - for dialogue and cooperation at its Founding General Assembly, held on 1-3 December 2004 in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan and the consequent meeting of the elected Board of the Forum.

Appreciating the efforts of the Government of Azerbaijan and other member states that have sent delegations to the Baku General Assembly of the ICYF -DC;

Underlining the importance of the empowerment of Muslim youth, and promotion of cooperation and friendly relations among them, as well as with other cultures outside of the OIC domain to promote peace, dialogue, mutual tolerance and understanding among civilizations and cultures;

Conscious of the growing need to promote greater cohesion and understanding between Member States as well as cultures and civilizations at large;

Recognizing the dynamism of the younger generations and their ability to play a pivotal role in developing international cultural bridges and ties;

Welcoming the proposal of the Government of the Republic of Turkey to host the permanent headquarters of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for dialogue and cooperation;

Welcoming the prospect of cooperation between the ICYF and the United Nations Organization and its appropriate organs and agencies in areas of common interest

Commending the support provided by the Islamic Development Bank, and other relevant OIC institutions for success of the Initiative leading to the establishment of the Forum;

- 1. **Takes note** of the report of the Secretary General on implementation of the Islamic Conference Youth Initiative and establishment of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for dialogue and cooperation, aimed at promotion of coordination of youth activities in Member States.
- 2. **Endorses** the establishment of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for dialogue and cooperation as an independent international non-governmental

youth institution, which is affiliated to the OIC and enjoys observer status at the OIC with its Headquarters in Istanbul, Turkey;

- Invites the Member States to support of the ICYF-DC and to encourage their
 youth organizations to actively participate in and contribute to the Forum's work
 aimed at intellectual development of and solidarity among the youths of the OIC
 countries,
- 4. **Calls upon** the OIC subsidiary organs and specialized and affiliated institutions to support the activities of and coordinate, where possible their work in the field of youth with the ICYF-DC,
- Expresses the assurance that cooperation between the ICYF-DC and the United Nations Organization and its appropriate organs and agencies, especially the United Nations Children Fund, the UN special Unit for South-South Cooperation and the UNESCO will have the effect of further strengthening the capacities,
- **6. Requests** the Secretary General to closely cooperate with the ICYF on the issues of youth policy and to submit annual reports on the Forum's activities to the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.
- 7. The status of the OIC affiliated institution granted to the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for dialogue and cooperation by the Conference does not place any financial obligation on the budget of the OIC General Secretariat or that of any Member State.

b) Muslim Women and their Role in the Development of the Islamic Society

- 1. **Requests** Member States to take the appropriate steps to organize Women's activities at national and international levels and in different fields consistent with the nature of women and the precepts of the Shariah.
- 2. **Requests** the General Secretariat to coordinate with the governments of Member States to support direct and sustainable relationships among Muslim Women Associations in Member States and cooperate with the existing International Women Organizations in Islamic Countries.
- 3. **Requests** the General Secretariat to liaise with Member States in order to hold a ministerial conference on women with a view to developing an action plan to enhance women's role in the development of Muslim societies and creating greater opportunities for women in all walks of public life.
- 4. **Take into consideration** the proposal made by the State of Qatar aiming at setting up a mechanism in charge of all the categories of families within OIC organigram with a view to harmonizing the positions of the Islamic States on the international scene.

5. **Decides** to proclaim October 1st (the Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Muhammad Al Durrah in Palestine) as the day of Islamic Solidarity with women and children victims of wars and occupation in the Islamic world.

c) Child Care and Protection in the Islamic World

- Reiterates for all OIC Member States to adopt the UN Declaration on the new Millennium, including the development goals of the Millennium relates to the rights of children to health, education and equality, in reference to the declaration on "A World Worthy of Children" and the Plan of Action also founded on the rights of children, adolescents and youth for protection.
- Commends the outstanding and fruitful cooperation between OIC Member States, the General Secretariat, subsidiary, affiliated and specialized organs and UNICEF aiming at ensuring the safety, protection and development of children all over the world.
- 3. Urges Member States to work with the assistance of the international community to improve the conditions of children, particularly those living under difficult conditions in conflict-ridden regions and those suffering from the effects of economic blockades and sanctions imposed on their countries, as well as displaced children refugees, by providing for their physical and moral needs and by taking interest in their education and helping them to return to normal lives, and commends the efforts expended by a number of Islamic countries in this direction.
- 4. **Welcomes** the current coordination between the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, ISESCO and UNICEF for the convening of the 1st Islamic Conference on for the Welfare and Protection of the Muslim Child scheduled to take place in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, this year 2005.
- 5. **Requests** Member States to take the necessary measures to protect children from the dangers resulting from harmful mass media programmes and to support programmes which lead to the promotion of the cultural, moral and ethical values of children.
- 6. **Also requests** Member States, in order to ensure the safety of the paid working children and their morals, to forbid any form of dangerous employment and to assist them to enjoy social security benefits.
- 7. Commends the role played by UNICEF since its establishment for the survival, protection and development of children worldwide, particularly in the developing countries; and especially the ongoing cooperation between the OIC and the UNICEF relating to the child care and protection in the OIC countries.
- 8. **Invites** Member States to combat child trafficking through awareness raising, capacity building of law enforcing agencies and setting up rescue and rehabilitation centers for the victims.

d) The Education and Rehabilitation of Muslim Youths

- 1. **Welcomes** the Working Paper presented by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport on Muslim Youth on future challenges and the mechanisms included on promoting and protecting Muslim Youth and enhancing its status in the society included therein.
- 2. **Welcomes also** the offer by the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the forthcoming Islamic Solidarity Games in the Year 2009 and calls upon Member States to effectively participate in the these Games.
- 3. Thanks the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the 1st Islamic Conference of Youths and Sport in cooperation with the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation.

e) Cooperation on Drug and Psychotropic Substance Abuses and their Illegal Production, Processing and Trafficking

- Urges the Member States to coordinate their efforts and harmonize their systems with respect to the illicit production and trade of narcotic and psychotropic substances within the framework of the relevant international organizations.
- Also urges the Member States to give greater attention to the propagation of religious consciousness and discussion within their respective educational institutions, mass media and Dawa for a on the gravity of the production, use and trafficking in drugs as well as their categorical prohibition from the religious and legal viewpoints.
- 3. **Urges** Member States to participate actively in international meetings and symposia in this regard, especially those organized by the United Nations, its Specialized Agencies and Organs and requests the Secretary General to coordinate with Member States in this area and to cooperate with the UNDCP (United Nations International Drug Control Programme) in Vienna and that Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the Economic and Social Commission.
- 4. **Requests** the Member States to continue to intensify their cooperation and to exchange information and technical expertise to control narcotic drugs.

f) Cooperation among Member States in controlling Epidemic Diseases affecting Man, Fauna and the Flora

1. **Calls** for greater coordination and cooperation among Member States in the area of health through the enforcement of international health regulations, such as vaccination of pilgrims going to the Holy Land, improvement of health conditions in addition to cooperation on health sensitization before Pilgrims' departure through the media in their countries.

- Calls also on Member States to collectively organize the fight against the expansion of the AIDS pandemic and to seriously uphold medical research efforts in this field at national, regional, and international level, and renews invitation to the Secretary-General and ISESCO's Director-General to constitute an Inter-governmental Experts Group composed of medical and pharmaceutical specialists of Member States to meet and prepare a working programme to fight this disease in the Member States.
- 3. **Supports** the call for holding a meeting, in the near future, of Member States' Ministers of Health on the subject of epidemic diseases that affect humans through human beings, animals, plants and the environment and welcomes the kind offer of the Islamic republic of Iran to host this meeting in Tehran.
- 4. **Decides** that the mandate of the said Conference also cover the establishment of inter-Islamic cooperation in the field of health in general, including pharmaceuticals.

g) Global Cooperation in Polio Eradication Programme among OIC Member States

- Strongly affirms its commitment to the eradication of polio from all OIC Member States so that they can contribute effectively to the goal of Global Polio Eradication.
- Thanks all countries that have contributed to the programme of eradication of polio and calls upon all OIC Member States to allocate the necessary domestic resources to ensure that all children are protected from this crippling disease.
- 3. **Urgently calls** on the international community, Member States and philanthropic organizations, including in particular, those in the Islamic World to provide the necessary resources to the global polio eradication initiative to:
 - a) eradicate polio from all OIC Member States by 2005,
 - b) urgently protect children in the twenty-one West and Central African countries at risk of a major polio epidemic in 2005.

h) Environment, sustainable Development and ways and means of resolving problems relating to Environment and Health

- Requests the Secretary General to identify the ways and means to ensure an
 effective cooperation between OIC, ISESCO and WHO and active participation of
 the Organization in WHO's meetings and conferences.
- 2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the matter and report thereon to the 33rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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ISLAMIC UNIVERSITIES

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RESOLUTION No.4/32-C ON ISLAMIC UNIVERSITIES

The 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Integration and Development) held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, from 21-23 Jumad UI Awwal 1426H (28-30 June 2005);

Recalling the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference and the 31st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Expressing its thanks to Member States, in particular, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, State of Kuwait, the ISF, the Islamic Development Bank, the International Islamic Charitable Organisation, World Islamic Da'wa Society, the Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), the Iqra Charitable Organization, the Sheikh Zayed Institution for Humanitarian and Charitable Works, the World Forum of Islamic Youth, Bait Al Zakat of Kuwait, and to all those who extended support and assistance to the Islamic Universities.

Recalling the Statutes of the Islamic Universities;

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

a) Islamic University of Niger

- 1. **Appeals** to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, and Islamic Philanthropic organizations to extend financial and material support to this important Islamic institution, considering the annual deficit due to the lack of resources; and exhorts them to provide sufficient scholarships to the needy students.
- 2. **Calls upon** Member States, Organizations and Islamic personalities to contribute to the University Waqf, whose Statute had been approved during the 26th ICFM in Burkina Faso, and urges the donors to step up their efforts to achieve this objective <u>and commissions</u> the Secretary General and the University Board of Trustees to work in this sense to secure the sufficient funds for the Waqf of the University
- 3. **Commends** the continued support by the Islamic Solidarity Fund to finance the main part of the annual budget of the University.
- 4. **Thanks** ISESCO for the assistance offered to the University in terms of lecturers, scholarships and printing machines with standardized Quranic characters. It welcomes ISESCO's approval to monitor the project related to the revision of the University's programmes and curricula and its willingness to link the University with a number of Arab and Islamic institutions to develop library services and restore the manuscripts therein.

b) Islamic University in Uganda

- 1. **Appeals** to Member States, the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic charitable institutions, to contribute material and financial assistance to the annual operational budget of the Islamic University in Uganda. Member States, institutions and individuals were also called upon to provide grants and scholarships to enable needy students from Uganda and other countries acquire University education.
- 2. **Requests** ISESCO to continue programming the follow-up of the University reform in ISESCO's future plans and programmes, including sending experts to conduct advisory visits to the University once or more annually, if necessary. It requests the University Board of Trustees and Administration to follow up the implementation, as soon as possible, of the RESOLUTIONS contained in the report.
- 3. **Commends** the continued support by the Islamic Solidarity Fund to finance the main part of the annual budget of the University.
- 4. **Welcomes** with appreciation, the commitment of the Islamic Development Bank to construct a Waqf project for the University in Kampala, Uganda. The government of Uganda was urged to speed up the process of identifying and donating the land on which the project is to be constructed, as promised by H.E. the President of the Republic of Uganda when opening the King Fahd Plaza in September 2002.
- 5. **Appeals** to Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, Charitable Organizations and individuals to assist the University in putting up more facilities such as lecture rooms, science laboratories, staff houses, students hostels, to meet the growing numbers of students and staff.

c) International Islamic University Malaysia

- 1. **Calls** for support and contribution to the progress and development of the Islamic University of Malaysia with the aim of enhancing its capacity and enabling it to operate with its full potential to achieve its objectives.
- 2. **Appeals** also to all Member States, the IDB, the ISF, ISESCO, WAMY, Muslim World League, and all other Islamic Institutions to support moraly and finacially the programmes and activities of the **INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MUSLIM UNITY** (IIMU) which was newly established and founded within the International Islamic University of Malaysia, to help it in building its capacity and to enable it to fully operate in order to carry out its vision, mission and functions aiming to foster and strengthen the Unity and Solidarity among Muslim Ummah.

d) Islamic University in Bangladesh

1. **Urges** all Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the Muslim World League and other Islamic financial institutions to provide adequate academic and financial assistance to the University so that it can achieve its objectives.

2. **Also calls upon** the General Secretariat to continue cooperation with ISESCO, to provide academic assistance to the Islamic University in Bangladesh, from Member States Universities, by sending lecturers there to teach and by providing scholarships, preparation of curricular and supply of books in accordance with the specific requirements of the University.

e) Proposed Project of Zeitouna University in Tunisia

- 1. **Reiterates** its support for the construction of a new campus so as to enable the University to consolidate its educational and cultural role, and for the implementation of the project.
- 2. **Commends the** initiative of the Republic of Tunisia to create the Higher institute and Tunisia House for Islamic Civilization and Comparative Civilizations and <u>calls</u> on the Member States, the IDB and donor Islamic institutions to support the achievement of this important cultural project.
- 3. **Appreciates** the initiative of the government of Tunisia for granting scholarships to 86 Muslim students from different parts of the world to study at the Higher Institute for Islamic Civilization of Zeitouna University.
- 4. **Thanks** the IDB and the Islamic Solidarity Fund for extending assistance to the Zeitouna University and **calls** on them to continue extending material support until the completion of the construction of all the components of the project and **calls also** on them to consider dispatching a delegation to Tunisia to assess the construction work.

f) King Faisal University in N'djamena, Republic of Chad

- 1. **Urges** Member States to extend material and moral aid to King Faisal University in N'djamena, Chad.
- 2. **Thanks** the ISF for its assistance to the University and invites it tocontinue to do so. It also calls on the Islamic Development Bankand other Islamic institutions to extend every possible aid to the University.
- 3. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the matter and report thereon to the 33rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS
AND
CULTURAL CENTRES

RESOLUTION NO.5/32-C ON ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS AND CULTURAL CENTRES

The 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Integration and Development) held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, from 21-23 Jumad UI Awwal 1426H (28-30 June 2005);

Recalling the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference and the 31st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General on the Subject;

a) Regional Institute of Islamic Studies and Research, Timbuktu, Mali

- Appeals to all Member States, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the Joma'a Majid Foundation in the Arab United Emirates, and other Islamic institutions to continue providing material support to the Regional Institute of Islamic Studies and Research in Timbuktu so that it may achieve its objectives.
- 2. **Appeals** to the Member States which have technical capabilities in the fields of conservation and processing of manuscripts to provide scholarships to the officials of the Institute to enhance their competence in these fields.

b) Regional Institute for Complementary Education (RICE), Islamabad, Pakistan

- 1. **Emphasizes once again** the importance of establishing the Regional Institute for Complementary Education (RICE) in Islamabad, Pakistan, and encouraging the teaching of the Arabic language and Islamic culture in non-Arabic speaking Asian countries.
- 2. **Appeals** to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools to contribute generously to this project.
- 3. **Expresses its appreciation** of the efforts of the Government of Pakistan to establish this Institute and ensure its operation and extends its thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the financial support it has extended to the Institute and to the Arab Republic of Egypt for the secondment of a number of Arabic and religious affairs teachers. It also expresses appreciation to the ISF for its financial assistance to the Institute.

c) The Islamic Centre in Guinea-Bissau

- 1. **Commends** the execution of the Guinea-Bissau Islamic Centre project and its imminent commissioning.
- Thanks the Islamic Solidarity Fund for financing the construction of the Centre and its on-going support for the Centre, also thanks the Direct Aid Organization (formerly African Muslims Committee) for supervising the project.
- 3. **Calls on** the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic institutions to provide financial and material assistance to the project of the Islamic Centre.

d) The Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum

- Requests the Islamic financial institutions, foremost of which are the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to extend regular financial assistance to the Institute to enable it to continue functioning in the best way and commends in this regard the financial support provided to the Institute by the Islamic Solidarity Fund.
- 2. **Commends** anew the financial support extended by the Government of the Sudan to the budget of the Institute to enable it to perform its role in an optimal manner, and to solve the financial difficulty it is experiencing.

e) Establishing an International Islamic Authority on the Holy Quran

- Recommends to finalize consultations between the Ministry of Waqfs and Islamic Affairs in the State of Qatar, the Sponsor of the project, and the Ministry of Waqfs, Islamic Affairs, Dawa and Guidance in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the King Fahd Academy of the Holy Quran in Al-Madinah Al-Munawara which was recommended by the Islamic Fiqh Academy.
- Recommends also for the OIC General Secretariat and Al-Azhar in Cairo take part in consultations with the authorities cited in the abovementioned Resolution No. of the Islamic Fiqh Academy, and Rabita Al Alam Al Islami.
- 3. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the matter and report thereon to the 33rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

Palestinian Affairs

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RESOLUTION NO.6/32-C (PAL) ON PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS

The 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Integration and Development) held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, from 21-23 Jumad UI Awwal 1426H (28-30 June 2005);

Recalling the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference and the 31st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Taking into consideration the policy and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities towards the Arab citizens in the occupied Arab territories, aimed primarily at the eradication of their cultural identity, along with Israeli attempts to wipe out and disintegrate their national and Arab identity at all levels, the Israeli policy of systematic stamping out of education aimed at creating a poorly educated generation ignorant of its history, culture, nation and Ummah, the Israeli practice of a policy geared towards maligning Arab and Islamic civilization and causing prejudice to Arabs and Muslims, the Israeli abuse and distortion of historical and geographical facts, in addition to the continued Israeli policy of racial discrimination by claims of Israeli superiority over the citizens of the occupied Arab territories which constitute a blatant violation of their fundamental rights:

Condemning the aggressive actions perpetuated by Israel for the expansion of the borders of Al-Quds Al-Sharif Municipality, for the establishment of more settlements around it, and for annexation of the city;

Expressing deep concern at the designs being devised against the precinct of the Ibrahimi Mosque in the occupied city of A1-Khalil with the aim of judaizing it, seizing part of it and preventing worshippers from entering and normally offering in it the five daily prayers;

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

a) The Twinning of Palestinian Universities in the Occupied Territories with Universities in OIC Member States

1. **Calls on** the Member States to allocate scholarships for the Palestinian students and expresses its appreciation to Member States who have given scholarships and **urges** them to consider reducing their tuition fees.

- 2. **Recommends** also to extend every kind of financial and academic support and assistance to Palestinian universities so that they may be able to play their national and educational role.
- 3. **Calls upon** the Union of Islamic Universities to coordinate with the Member universities to facilitate and encourage twinning agreements between the Palestinian universities and the Member universities of the Union with a view to fostering joint cooperation and allowing Palestinian universities to take advantage of these universities' experiences according to their priorities and needs and calls upon those universities to receive academic and training missions from the Palestinian Universities.

b) The Educational situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and Occupied Syrian Golan

- Condemns the measures taken by the Israeli occupation authorities against the educational and cultural organizations and institutions in the Palestinian territories aimed at denying the Palestinians access to education, so as to obliterate their national identity and severe them from their culture and history, and distort their civilization to serve the designs of occupation.
- Appeals to Member States to support the efforts of the Palestine Liberation Organization aimed at promoting the educational process in the Palestinian territories under its National Authority during the transitional period, and to provide it with all technical and financial means to develop curricula for all educational levels.
- 3. Calls upon Member States to extend every necessary financial assistance to provide the funding required for the promotion of education in the occupied territories in general and in the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif in particular, in view of the great difficulties faced by the educational process in the Holy City on account of the practices of the Israeli occupation authorities aimed at the judaization of the Holy City and at severing it from its Arab-Islamic environment.
- 4. Reiterates its full support and assistance for the inhabitants of occupied Syrian Golan in their resistance against the oppressive Israeli practices, and their legitimate struggle to preserve their cultural, national and Arab identity, and appeals to the United Nations, to specialized international bodies and institutions and in particular to UNESCO, to counter those Israeli policies which violate international laws and conventions.
- Calls for support to the steadfastness of the Syrian citizens in the occupied Syrian Golan against the Israeli practices aimed at obliterating their Arab cultural identity and proclaims its support for the

maintenance of Syrian Arab educational curricula and the provision of educational and cultural material.

- 6. **Calls upon** the international community to shoulder its full responsibility in forcing Israel to abide by the principles of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and of all international conventions on human rights, particularly the Geneva Convention of 20.8.1949 on the Protection of Civilians in Time of War, as well as the relevant Resolutions adopted by the United Nations and its specialized agencies.
- 7. **Condemns** the practices and actions of the Israeli occupation authorities against educational and other institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan, their cancellation of the Syrian educational syllabus in the villages of the Golan and its substitution by an Israeli one, their imposition of the teaching of Hebrew instead of Arabic, their replacement of the teaching staff to serve the goals and directions of Israeli policy, their taking measures to deny Syrian Arab citizens access to higher education in Syrian universities and their denying some of those who manage to get education in those universities the right to return to their homes.
- c) The Israel Aggressions against Islamic
 Shrines in the Occupied Palestinian
 Territories and Preservation of the Islamic
 Character, Human Heritage and Religious
 Rights of Al-Quds Al-Sharif
 - 1. **Reiterates** the necessity of implementing all previous Islamic Resolutions on the preservation of the Islamic character and human heritage of Al-Quds.
 - 2. Calls for continued urgent and effective action at all Islamic and international levels with a view to forcing Israel to rescind its decision to annex the city of Al-Quds AlSharif, reaffirming the City's Arab-Islamic character and rejecting its annexation or judaization, pursuant to the relevant Resolutions of international legality, and particularly UN Security Council Resolutions No. 465 and 478; and exerting all efforts to put these two Resolutions into effect in conformity with the Resolutions of the United Nations and the international legality.
 - 3. **Requests** the General Secretariat to continue its coordination with international agencies and institutions and particularly with UNESCO to preserve the historic structure of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the ancient buildings surrounding Al-Quds Holy Enclosure and act to close the tunnel and stop the excavation works especially on the south and west of the Holy Enclosure and preclude the implementation of any designs aimed at destroying and removing the Blessed Al-Agsa Mosque.

- 4. **Urges** the General Secretariat and Member States to provide material assistance to enable the Palestinian people to face Israeli challenges and schemes aimed at obliterating religious landmarks in the Holy City of Al- Quds, and reaffirms the need for extending all sorts of support and assistance to the Palestinian Arab residents of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to enable them to refurbish their houses, support their steadfastness and protect Islamic shrines in Al-Quds Al-Sharif from demolition and waste.
- 5. **Strongly condemns** Israel for the construction of the separation wall, the so-called Jerusalem Envelope that seeks to isolate the City of Al-Quds by severing it from its Arab-Palestinian environment and judaizing it through the obliteration of its historical, cultural and civilizational features.
- 6. **Requests** Member States to coordinate and intensify their efforts in the various international fora to prevent the implementation of the Israeli scheme for partitioning the Ibrahimi Mosque in Al-Khalil, to ensure access to it for Muslim worshippers and preserve the integrity of the Ibrahimi Enclosure as a Mosque for Muslims only as it has been through the ages.
- 7. Calls on Member States to ensure the restoration of the old town in Al-Khalil as well as the remaining Islamic relics and shrines on the Palestinian lands to safeguard the heritage and culture of this historic city and its resident Palestinian families in an effort to counter Jewish colonization.
- 8. **Strongly** denounces and decries the dredging by the Zionist entity of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, leading to the fall of a large section of the Mosque's fence on the Western gate, also **condemns** the racial separation wall being built by the Zionist occupying authority on Palestinian lands, which has led to the seizure of a large part of Palestinian territories, **calls on** the international community and the International Court in the Hague to condemn this act which is in breach of international law and to stop it forthwith.
- 9. Commends the efforts of the Islamic Scientific, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) for documenting the crimes under the title: "Jenin Camp: Testimony to Israeli Crimes", and calls on ISESCO to distribute the book to various relevant international institutions, organizations and bodies in order to expose and condemn these practices.
- 10. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the matter and report thereon to the 33rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

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RESOLUTION NO.7/32-C (SO) Concerning the The Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA, Istanbul)

The 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,(Session of Integration and Development) held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, from 21-23 Jumad UI Awwal 1426H (28-30 June 2005);

Recalling the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference and the 31st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Having considered the report submitted by the Director General and containing the Centre's work programmes for 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 and the recommendations adopted by the Twentieth Session of the Governing Board of the Centre, and commending the efforts of the Centre represented by its pioneering achievements and its activities aimed at meeting the needs of the Ummah and keeping up with the global developments in the fields of culture and Islamic heritage in the best possible manner and paying tribute to the Director General for the efforts made in this connection:

Having taken note with appreciation the reports presented by the Director General of the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), the Secretary General of the Islamic Fiqh Academy and the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the various activities carried out by these institutions;

Having considered the report of the Director General on the subject;

a) The Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA, Istanbul)

- Expresses its appreciation for the successful completion of the ten-year program of international workshops on "Architectural heritage today" with the holding of the tenth workshop on 7-22 July 2004 which was marked by a large-scale closing ceremony under the chairmanship of H.E. Sulejman Tihić, President of Bosnia and Herzegovina, coinciding with the international opening ceremony of the Old Bridge of Mostar, and welcomes the project to publish a comprehensive report on the ten-year architectural program.
- 2. Lauds the efforts made by IRCICA and particularly its Governing Board for implementing the Resolution of the Tenth Islamic Summit Conference and the Twenty-eighth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers commissioning IRCICA to attach the name of H.R.H. Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd Ibn Abdelaziz may Allah Rest his soul in peace to an important sector of its future activities in the field of Islamic Heritage, in appreciation of His Highness's unflagging support, during his Chairmanship of the Islamic Commission for the Preservation of Islamic Cultural Heritage, and welcomes with appreciation IRCICA's project to devote a new, innovative and large-scale activity consisting in creating an Award carrying the name of "Prince Faisal bin Fahd Award for the Preservation of Islamic Cultural Heritage" which will be implemented periodically through an international competition to be sponsored from IRCICA's budget. The first of of these series will be on the theme of "Prince Faisal bin Fahd Award for the Preservation of Islamic Architectural Heritage" and will be implemented during 2005-2006.

- 3. Expresses its appreciation for the successful organization by IRCICA of the First International Congress on the Islamic Archaeology at IRCICA, Istanbul, in an innovative way representing a leading initiative that establishes a periodical international congress on Islamic archaeology as a specific field of study within the discipline of archaeology, and expresses its gratitude to H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of Turkey, for his patronage of the congress.
- 4. **Commends** the finalization of the 6th International Calligraphy Competition dedicated to the Iranian Calligrapher, Mir Imad Al-Hasani on the 400th anniversary of his death with the announcement of the winners at a ceremony held on 25 March 2004, and **welcomes** the preparations for the 7th International Calligraphy Competition to be dedicated to the Iraqi calligrapher Hashim Muhammed Al-Baghdadi.
- 5. **Welcomes** the project of the forthcoming Second International Symposium on "Islamic Civilization in Volga Ural Region " in Kazan, capital of Tatarstan, on 24-26 June 2005, under the patronage of H.E. Mintimer Shaimiev, President of Tatarstan.
- 6. **Welcomes also** IRCICA's project to organize the international symposium on "the Levant in the Ottoman Period" to be held in Damascus, Syria on 26-30 September 2005, under the patronage of H.E. Bashar Al-Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic.
- 7. Welcomes the initiative taken by the Supreme Commission for Tourism in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA, Istanbul) to organize an international Conference on Tourism and Handicrafts to be held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 22-28 Shawwal 1427H (13-19 November 2006). The Conference will cover a variety of different activities, including live shows of craftsmen of the Muslim World from their working locations, an exhibition of rare handcraft pieces and products, an exhibition of traditional handicrafts in the Member States, a bazaar market, an exhibition of books, printed materials, albums and photos produced in the field of traditional handicrafts in the Muslim World, and instituting an international award for innovation in traditional handcrafts and craftsmen of the Muslim World.
- 8. **Commends** IRCICA's programme to develop handicrafts in Member States and the series of activities undertaken in terms of seminars and exhibitions aimed at raising awareness of this important development sector, assessing its current situation, and examining the means appropriate to develop its future prospects in terms of its cultural, economic, social and educational dimensions which contributed to the preparation of a number of specialized studies which represented a data base containing a wealth of information on the problems facing this sector and the prospects for its development. The most recent of these publications was the volume on "Innovation and Handicrafts in the Muslim World" which presented a summary of the innovative experiences of some Member States and some craftsmen for the purpose of documenting them on the basis of a survey of many issues
- 9. Commends the efforts made by IRCICA to activate its cooperation with inter international organizations within the framework of its work as a focal point for cooperation between UN organizations and the OIC and its subsidiary organs on developing arts, handicrafts, and heritage. IRICICA cooperates in this field with UNESCO, UNIDO, the International

Trade Centre (ITC), and other relevant bodies and institutions in order to develop this vital area of cooperation. It was particularly noted that the existing Memorandum of Understanding between IRCICA and UNESCO has been recently reviewed and expanded to cover new areas of cooperation.

- 10. **Welcomes** IRCICA's project to organise an expanded international "Islamic Countries Cultural Week" on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of IRCICA, highlighting the cultures, arts and handicrafts of the OIC Member States, in conjunction with the 21st Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC), to be held under the chairmanship of H.E. Ahmet Necdet Sezer, President of the Republic of Turkey, as of 22 November 2005, and **invites** the Member States to participate in the series of cultural events covered by the Cultural Week.
- 11. Welcomes IRCICA's initiative to organize an International Symposium on "Islamic Civilization in South Africa" in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank, the National Waqf Institution in South Africa and the University of Johannesburg, on 1-3 September 2006, which will be the first of its kind to be held in the region.
- 12. **Welcomes** IRCICA's initiative to organize an International Symposium on Islamic Civilization in West Africa" to be organized in cooperation with the Republic of Mali under the high patronage of President Amadou Toumani Toure.
- 13. **Welcomes** IRCICA's project of the Centre to organize the third symposium on "Islamic Civilisation in the Balkans" to be held in Bucharest, Romania, in cooperation with the Romanian Academy of Sciences in 2006.
- 14. Requests IRCICA to continue deploying its valuable efforts to activate dialogue among civilizations by implementing one of its activities programmed for implementation by the Organization of the Islamic Conference in this respect.
- 15. Expresses its gratitude and appreciation for the efforts made by Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoğlu during his tenure as Director General of IRCICA from its establishment in 1980 until 31st December 2004 which marked IRCICA's activities by an innovative spirit and an outstanding approach, and also expresses its congratulations and wishes of success to Halit Eren, the new Director General of IRCICA, who has been appointed to this post as of 1 January 2005, who is convinced that IRCICA will continue its pioneering success. This confidence is the result of his dedicated efforts in leading positions in IRCICA for many years, his supervisory and scientific contributions to IRCICA's programmes and activities, and his experience in IRCICA's activities. He is also convinced that IRCICA will continue its achievements in various fields of Islamic culture and civilization and in promoting inter-cultural relations and dialogue between Islam and other civilizations.
- 16. Expresses its thanks and appreciation to the host country of IRCICA (the Republic of Turkey) and to the other Member States, particularly the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (host country of OIC) for the voluntary material and moral support they are extending to IRICICA, thus enabling it to fulfill its mission.

- 17. **Expresses** its thanks to the Member States which regularly pay their contributions to IRCICA's budget and calls upon the other countries to regularly pay their contributions and settle their arrears to IRCICA's budget.
- 18. Extends thanks to the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA) for preparing a feasibility study on the project that documents and classifies archeological and historical Islamic sites and archeological heritage in Member States, and urges them to explore ways to finance it.

b) The Islamic Fiqh Academy

- Commends the outstanding performance of the Secretary General of the Academy and his effective role in the service of the Islamic Fiqh and intellectual issues of Muslims. Commends also the achievements of the staff of the General Secretariat of the Academy since the 31st Session of the ICFM held in Istanbul.
- 2. Commends the academic achievements of the Islamic Fiqh Academy and its interpretive judgments on new issues in all fields of social and economic development, taking into account the change demanded by time, in accordance with the noble Islamic Sharia, particularly the maxims of jurisprudence project being financed by the Shaikh Zayd Foundation for Charitable and Humanitarian Work, as well as the Islamic Thought Forum which was recently created in an effort to project the correct image of Islam and the Economic Fiqh Symposium which studied Economic Fiqh Encyclopedia project.
- 3. **Expresses** its pride that His Eminence Sheikh Muhammad Al-Habib Ben El-Khojah, the Secretary General of the Islamic Fiqh Academy, received President Zeine El Abidine Ben Ali's 2004 International Prize for Islamic Studies and **commends** this leading initiative in support of academic research and Islamic Studies.
- 4. **Commends** the outstanding level of the Academy's academic publications and the issues and studies they contain which respond to the needs and aspirations of the Islamic Ummah as well as the civilizational, intellectual and scientific changes they face.
- 5. **Thanks** Member States which have paid their contributions to the Academy's budget, and renews its call on States that have yet to pay and recommends Member States to deliver their support to the Academy to enable it discharge its duties in service of the Islamic Ummah and the vital causes of the Islamic Ummah.
- 6. **Welcomes** the increment of Members appointed to the Academy's Council by the Academy's Bureau during the Sixteenth Session in Dubai.

7. **Appeals** to Member States of the Organization who have yet to join the Academy to do so as soon as possible so that it can achieve its noble objectives, **recommends also** His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy should send correspondences to those Islamic countries to join the Academy.

c) Islamic Solidarity Fund and its Waqf

- 1. **Expresses** its desire to preserve this important Islamic organ which is truly a honourable symbol of Islamic solidarity.
- 2. **Appeals** to Member States to pledge annual donations, within their capabilities, to the ISF budget and contribute to the budget of the Waqf Fund.
- Expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation to the Member States which have made donations to the Fund and its Waqf during the Financial Year 2003/2004, in particular the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of the United Arab Emirates and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
- 4. **Approves** the report of the Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council.
- 5. **Adopts** the approval of the Permanent Council of the ISF's Closing Accounts for the 2003/2004 Financial Year.
- 6. **Endorses** the adoption by the Permanent Council of the Fund's estimated budget for 2003/2004 Fiscal Year in the amount of US.D 11.350 Million.
- 7. **Calls on** the Waqf's Supervisory Council and the Committee for Resources Development of the ISF to intensify their efforts to better diversify the investment portfolios of ISF's Waqf Fund at the Islamic Development Bank.
- 8. **Calls also** on the ISF Waqf Supervisory Fund to look for effective ways to get donations from the private sector (institutions and individuals) in OIC Member States as a new source to support the budget of the Islamic Solidarity Fund.
- 9. **Calls on** the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to organize donation pledging sessions for the Islamic Solidarity Fund during the proceedings of the 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.
- 10. **Calls upon** the Permanent Council of the Fund to continue to extend assistances to cultural, Islamic and educational projects in the Muslim

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- world, while attaching priority to projects approved by the Islamic Summit and Foreign Ministers Conferences.
- 11. **Expresses thanks and appreciation** to the Permanent Council of the Fund for its concrete contributions in reducing the debt burden which accumulated on the Islamic University in Uganda, in order to ensure that the University continues to discharge its noble mission.
- 12. **Expresses thanks and appreciation** to the Permanent Council and its Chairman and to the Executive Department of the Fund for their efforts to achieve the objectives of the Fund and its Waqf.
- 13. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the matter and report thereon to the 33rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS

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RESOLUTION NO.8/32-C (SI) ON SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS

The 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Integration and Development) held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, from 21-23 Jumad UI Awwal 1426H (28-30 June 2005);

Recalling the Recommendationss adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences, Standing Committees and other Islamic relevant Conferences, in particular the 10th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Putra Jaya, October 2003) and the 31st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Stanbul, June 2004);

Having considered with appreciation the excellent report presented by the Representative of the Director General of ISESCO to the 32nd Session of the ICFM containing all the details on projects, programmes and activities implemented in between the 31st and 32nd Sessions respectively, which have been of great benefit to Member States and Islamic societies;

Having taken cognizance of the report of the 20th Session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent which took place in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, 5-6 December, 2004;

Having considered the report of the Chairman of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent on the activities of the Committee;

Having considered the Secretary General's report on the matter;

a) Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)

- 1. Expresses its appreciation for and satisfaction with the educational, cultural, scientific and informational programmes and activities included in the current ISESCO Action Plan (2004-2006) which are characterized by innovation, creativity and integration in the selection of projects in such a way as to meet the needs and aspirations of the Islamic Ummah towards achieving global advancement and confronting challenges, commends the activities implemented within the framework of this Plan, and requests the Organization to continue its pioneering efforts to achieve its noble objectives.
- 2. Expresses its utmost gratitude and appreciation to H.E. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, for having hosted the Fourth Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers and holding it under his high patronage, thanks ISESCO and the Algerian Ministry of Culture for the good preparation and excellent organization which contributed to the holding of the Conference in the best conditions, and adopts its resolutions and recommendations. The Committee welcomes the request of the Great

Jamahiriya to host the 5th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in the year 2007, and **entrusts** ISESCO with convening it.

- 3. Considers with appreciation the report of ISESCO on its participation in the preparation of the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, commends the series of preparatory international and regional conferences and symposia which ISESCO held in the Member States as well as the joint programme of action elaborated in cooperation with UNESCO to participate in the proceedings of this Summit due in November 2005 in Tunis, and calls on the Member States, civil society institutions and the private sector to effectively contribute to and participate in the preparatory activities and in the proceedings of the Tunis Summit so as to derive therefrom the desired maximum benefit for the Islamic World.
- 4. Lauds the activities implemented by ISESCO in order to promote dialogue among civilizations and correct the image of Islam in the West and counter attempts made by several Western media to undermine Islam and its sanctities, especially after the September 11 events. The Committee underlines the excellent organization of these activities and the academic and scholarly standard of the participants,. It also commends the conferences and meetings held by ISESCO for the benefit of the Presidents of Islamic associations and cultural centres in the West, America and Asia, and calls upon it to pursue its efforts in this respect.
- 5. Takes pride in the outstanding performance demonstrated by the Director General of ISESCO and the distinguished position occupied by the Organization under his leadership in the international arena through establishing an effective and vast network of cooperation relations with big parallel international organizations, which resulted in the implementation of hundreds of joint programmes, thus contributing to expanding its action, strengthening its credibility and international prestige, and enabling it to gain important additional financial resources and to contribute efficiently to the civilizational edifice of the Muslim Ummah and the achievement of its comprehensive development, and praises in particular the cooperation programme agreed upon by ISESCO and the Council of Europe.
- 6. Expresses its satisfaction with the standard of ISESCO's publications and lauds its pioneering educational, scientific and cultural research and monographs that respond to the needs of the Muslim Ummah and its aspirations to achieve overall advancement and enable it to face future civilizational, intellectual, scientific and technological challenges.
- 7. Commends ISESCO's efforts to support the educational and scientific institutions in the Member States, particularly in Iran, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Azerbaijan and the Islamic countries hit by Tsunami, and urges Member States and donor institutions to contribute to the support and rehabilitation of those institutions within the framework of ISESCO's relevant activities.

- 8. Expresses its utmost appreciation for the report submitted by ISESCO on its efforts to preserve the identity of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and its holy places, to support Palestinian educational, cultural and scientific institutions and protect them against any attempt at demolition, obliteration and judaization, lauds its initiative to hold the international conference on the Protection of Islamic and Christian sanctities in Palestine (Amman, 23-25/11/2004) under the high patronage of the Jordanian Sovereign, His Majesty King Abdallah II bin Al Hussein, in cooperation with Palestine Charity Commission in the International Islamic Charitable Organization, and welcomes their initiative to hold the Third Conference in Kuwait in September 2005. Requests ISESCO to pursue its commendable efforts in this respect, and approved the information plan to safeguard these sanctities, which was developed by the Expert Group during the meeting convened by ISESCO in Rabat on 5 and 6 May 2005.
- 9. Extends its sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the State of Kuwait and to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for kindly accepting to host the Third Islamic Conference of Higher Education and Scientific Research Ministers (Kuwait 2006) and the Second Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers (Islamabad, 25-27 February, 2006), and entrusts ISESCO with convening the two conferences, in coordination with the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.
- 10. Praises the distinguished academic and organizational contributions of ISESCO to holding a number of international conferences in the fields of science, technology, informatics, renewable energy, the preservation of natural resources and the alleviation of the effects of disasters, and invites it to continue to devote attention to these areas that are vital for the future of the Ummah.
- 11. **Extols** the activities implemented by ISESCO on the occasion of the celebration of the city of Sana'a as capital of Arab culture for the year 2004, and **lauds** its action programme being implemented as part of the celebration of Khartoum as capital of Arab culture for the year 2005. It **praises** as well the cultural and educational weeks ISESCO carried out in the Member States.
- 12. **Commends** the reports presented by ISESCO on its efforts to promote inter-cultural and inter-civilizational dialogue, Arab, Islamic and European cooperation and cultural diversity, to implement the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and activate its mechanisms, and to highlight the Islamic view of the issues of cultural diversity and ways to deal with international changes, and **thanks** it for its efforts and achievements in these areas.
- 13. Welcomes ISESCO's initiative to set up a committee of Muslim experts to contribute to the restoration and maintenance of Iraqi damaged historical monuments, and to draw up a practical programme to intervene directly in Iraq, in coordination with the Member States and in cooperation with the competent authorities in the Iraqi Government and other international concerned parties. The Committee calls upon Member States and the donor parties to contribute to ISESCO Fund for the Preservation of Iraqi Cultural Heritage and to cooperate

together and coordinate their efforts with a view to countering illicit traffic of Iraqi archaeological antiquities and assisting in the restoration of found items to the Iraqi museums.

- 14. Expresses its appreciation of the efforts made by ISESCO, the General Secretariat and UNICEF TO HOLD THE First Conference of Ministers in charge of Children Affairs, welcomes the convening of this conference in Rabat from 7-9 November 2005, and calls on Member States to participate to ensure the success of the conference and implement its resolutions.
- 15. Commends the initiative taken by ISESCO and the Republic of Tunisia to convene an international conference in Tunisia in 2006 on "Solidarity in Islam", with the aim of highlighting the lofty significance of these Islamic values underlying the call made by H.E. the Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali to set up a World Solidarity Fund to combat poverty and promote human development in the developing countries, an initiative being adopted by the UN General Assembly in its resolution n° 265/57.
- 16. Welcomes the Decision of the Fourth Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers whereby Makkah-al-Mukarramah was proclaimed Capital of Islamic Culture for the year 2005, applauds the festivities and activities being implemented by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and ISESCO to celebrate this event and adopts ISESCO's list of Islamic culture capitals for the next years until 2014.
- 17. Considers with appreciation the educational, cultural and scientific activities implemented by ISESCO for the benefit of women, children and youth in the Islamic world, welcomes and supports ISESCO's Project of the Islamic Youth Parliament. It also welcomes the programme of ISESCO's Awards and Chairs in different educational, scientific and cultural activities, supports the programme of ISESCO's Ambassadors for Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations, and calls upon the Director General to submit a report on these issues to the upcoming Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.
- 18. Thanks the Member States that have paid their contributions to the budget of ISESCO, invites Member States that have arrears or have yet to pay their contributions to the ISESCO budget to honour their financial obligations so as to enable the Organization to implement its educational, scientific and cultural programmes and projects that are highly important for joint Islamic action, and urges Member States that have yet to join ISESCO to hasten to do so and actively take part in the Organization's projects and programmes.
- 19. Expresses its profound gratitude and thanks to the leaders of the Islamic world and the prominent personalities of the Muslim Ummah who made donations to ISESCO to contribute to the construction of its permanent headquarters in Rabat, and takes pride in the efforts and unrelenting, fruitful contacts made by the Director General of ISESCO with a view to securing financial support for the construction of the Organization's permanent headquarters, as well as in the rapid execution of the construction works, the high-quality building and the rational expenditure thereon.

- 20. Extends its utmost thanks and gratitude to His Highness the Emir of the State of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani for his unfailing support to ISESCO and for kindly granting an annual financial support of US\$200,000 to contribute to the implementation of its programmes and activities geared to the propagation of Arabic language and the promotion of Islamic culture.
- 21. **Expresses** its deep appreciation and thanks to H.E. the Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali for kindly accepting to host the International Symposium to be convened by ISESCO, 28-30 of November 2005 on the theme of "Universal Civilizations and Cultures: from Dialogue to Alliance", in the Republic of Tunisia, the land of cultural interaction and the crossroads of civilizations, in which the Carthage Charter for Tolerance and the Tunis Call for Dialogue among Civilizations will be issued. The Committee **expresses** again its gratitude to the Tunisian President for kindly patronizing this symposium.
- 22. **Expresses** its deep gratitude and thanks to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd bin Abdulaziz Al Saoud, to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz and to the Second Deputy Premier, His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, for the generous support of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the programmes and activities carried out by ISESCO with regard to Arabic language teaching, Islamic culture, dialogue among civilizations, rectifying the image of Islam, reactivation of cultural institutions in Iraq and support of activities in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 23. Expresses its sincerest gratitude and thanks to the Kingdom of Morocco (Seat Country) and to its Honourable Sovereign, His Majesty King Mohamed VI for kindly patronizing a number of ISESCO's activities in Morocco, for addressing lofty messages to the participants therein and for the continuous support extended by His Majesty's government to ISESCO in order to fulfill its mission in the best conditions.

b) Islamic Committee of the International Crescent

- Urges the Member States which have not yet signed or ratified the Articles of Agreement of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent to do so as soon as possible so as to enable it to carry out its tasks and realize its noble objectives, invites all Member States and Islamic institutions to extend material and moral support to the Committee so that it may implement its programmes.
- Calls on the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent to exert efforts regarding refugees and detainees and provide for their care and protection in collaboration with the UN High Commissioner's Office for Refugees and the International Committee of Red Cross and other relevant regional and international organizations;
- 3. **Expresses** profound thanks to the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for extending support and facilities to the Committee at its inception.

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- 4. **Expresses** its utmost thanks and appreciation to the Republic of Yemen for hosting the 20th Session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent, held in Sana'a, Yemen, on 5-6 December, 2004,
- 5. **Expresses also** its sincere thanks to the ISF for extending support to the Committee, and **appeals** to the ISF to continue extending further support to it.
- 6. **Expresses** its sincere thanks to the Islamic Federal Republic of Comoros, for signing the ICIC Agreement and calls on it to complete soonest the ratification procedure.
- 7. **Expresses** its profound thanks to the Republic of the Sudan, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, State of Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Senegal for ratifying the ICIC Agreement.
- 8. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the matter and report thereon to the 33rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

AFFILIATED ORGANS

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RESOLUTION NO.9/32-C (AO) ON AFFILIATED ORGANS

The 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,(Session of Integration and Development) held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, from 21-23 Jumad UI Awwal 1426H (28-30 June 2005);

Recalling the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference and the 31st Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Having also considered the resolutions adopted by the 4th Meeting of the General Assembly of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation, and those adopted by the previous sessions of the Executive Committee, in particular, the 10th Session held in Jeddah, 29th March, 2005 and the report submitted by the Secretary General of the Federation on different activities;

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

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on the matter;

a) Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation

- 1. **Welcomes** the re-election of His Royal Highness Prince Sultan Ibn Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz as the Chairman of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation, and wishes His Highness and all Members of the Executive Committee of the Federation success in the tasks assigned to them.
- 2. **Hails** the activities the Federation decided to embark upon during the period 2005-2007.
- 3. **Expresses also** its thanks to the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz (May Allah assist him), the loyal Crown Prince His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz, and the Second Deputy, His Royal Highness Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz, for hosting the 1st Islamic Solidarity Games and the 1st Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers and for their continuous material and moral support to the Federation, thanks particularly HRH Prince Sultan Ibn Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz, the President General of Youth Welfare and Chairman of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee, and his deputy, His Royal Highness Nawaf Ibn Faisal Ibn Fahd Abdul Aziz for their interests in the preparation for and success of these two events.

- 4. **Welcomes** all the resolutions adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports and urges all Islamic States to implement the resolutions and cooperate with the OIC General Secretariat and the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation to develop the necessary strategies and plans in order to achieve the desired objectives.
- 5. **Reiterates** its call to Member States to participate and show interest in all future activities of the Federation, to be more active in the activities of the Federation, to grant it all possible material and moral support and participate effectively in all its activities.
- 6. **Thanks** all the 54 Member States which participated in the Islamic Solidarity Games, which had a major impact on the success of this sports show and emphasizes the need for all Member States to participate in all activities of the Federation, in order to achieve Islamic solidarity and spread the spirit of brotherhood and compassion.
- 7. **Congratulates** the Islamic Republic of Iran for gaining the confidence of the General Assembly of the Federation to organize the 2nd Islamic Solidarity Games and wishes it success.
- 8. **Enjoins** Member States and the Federation to embark on collaborative work among them in all international sports and youth occasions in order to arrive at a common position.
- 9. Conveys sincere thanks and appreciation to HRH Prince Sultan Ibn Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz, Chairman of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation for his major interest and continuous support for the causes of sports people in the Islamic Ummah, which has given the Federation high position within the international sports system.
- 10. **Expresses** its thanks to the General Secretariat of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation for its preparedness to execute all the various activities of the Federation, chiefly the 1st Islamic Solidarity Games and the 1st Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports, as well as various meetings, training sessions and sports championships.

b) World Federation of Arab Islamic International Schools

 Recommends further the General Secretariat, Islamic organizations and institutions, Islamic Solidarity fund, and the Islamic Development Bank to support the Plans and Projects of the World Federation of Arab Islamic International Schools and to extend to it all possible assistance for their implementation:

- 2. **Recommends** the continuing support for holding Training Sessions for Teachers of Arabic language and Islamic Culture in Asia, Africa, Central Asia and the Balkans:
- 3. **Recommends** also the contribution for printing the manual for teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers which has been prepared by the Federation, and to its distribution among Muslim children by establishing a Printing press for the Federation at its headquarters as well as other Printing Presses in central locations in the Islamic States in order to facilitate its distribution and the benefit derived from it in those States and among Islamic countries:
- 4. **Invites** the IDB to continue its contribution to printing books for Afghan children, and the Arabic language book for non-Arabic young people in needy states.
- 5. **Requests** support for the Open Complementary Studies Institute in Khartoum so that it may continue its activities as well as the N'djamena Teachers Institute in Chad by providing each one of them with a Printing press to meet their needs in terms of text-books and other publications.
- 6. **Recommends** to support the project of the World Examinations' Council for the Arab-Islamic Schools which has been established by the Federation, in collaboration with the League of Islamic Universities and the Muslim World League, and which aims at placing the examinations of the private Islamic schools under the supervision of well-known Islamic Universities.
- 7. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the matters of affiliated institutions and report thereon to 33rd Session of ICFM.

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