

6th Executive Council Session
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Final Report

The Executive Council of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) held its sixth regular session at the International Islamic University in Malaysia (IIUM), in Kuala Lumpur. It was generously hosted by the International Islamic University in Malaysia from 21 to 22 Muharram 1422 A.H. corresponding to 15-16 April 2001 A.D.

The proceedings of this session were attended by the members of the Executive Council, and H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), Secretary General of the FUIW.

Opening Session: Sunday, 15 April 2001 (Morning)

- 1- The opening session was held under the chairmanship of Honourable Tan Sri Dato' Seri Sanusi Junid, President of the International Islamic University in Malaysia, and with the attendance of H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Secretary General of the FUIW, H.E. Dr. Mohamad Kamal Hassan, Rector of the International Islamic University in Malaysia, in addition to a number of senior officials in IIUM.
- 2- At the beginning of the session, Dr. Mohamad Kamal Hassan, Rector of the International Islamic University in Malaysia, delivered an address in which he welcomed the participants, expressing profound thanks to H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Secretary General of the FUIW, for the efforts he was expending to support the joint Islamic action. He likewise praised the actions undertaken by the Islamic Organization (ISESCO) and by the FUIW and their role in promoting Muslim societies within their fields of their competence. He then reviewed the major accomplishments achieved by the International Islamic University in Malaysia in the recent period.
- 3- Afterwards, H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Secretary General of the FUIW, delivered an address in which he first thanked the Government of Malaysia for hosting the Federation and welcomed the members of the Executive Council participating in that Session, expressing his happiness to meet with them, once again, on the occasion of the Sixth Session of the FUIW Executive Council, convened at the International Islamic University in Malaysia, which was generously hosting the meeting. He underlined the

paramount importance of solidarity among the universities of the Islamic world for the developing higher education institutions and promoting the rank of scientific research in Member universities. He mainly underscored the importance of the contribution of Member Universities to supporting the Federation to help it pursue its developmental mission. He also commended the role of the FUIW General Secretariat and the tremendous actions it was taking to give substance to the aspired solidarity among the universities of the Islamic world.

- 4- In his opening speech Honourable Tan Sri Dato' Seri Sanusi Junid, President of International Islamic University in Malaysia, expressed his profound thanks to the General Secretariat of the FUIW for holding this session in Malaysia. He also welcomed the members of the Executive Council and the personalities attending the opening session. He then emphasized the role of the university in developing society and the importance of Education in Islam, pointing out the necessity to push forward cooperation between the Scientific Institutions in the Islamic World and to enroot the complementarity between the cultural capacities, within a framework of constructive partnership between international and regional specialized organizations. In this regard, he confirmed the readiness and willingness of his country, with its official organs and governmental institutions to support this great civilizational action. At the end of his address, he renewed his welcome to the participants, wishing this session every success.

First Working Session: Sunday, 15 April 2001

Item 1.1 of the Agenda: Adoption of the Agenda Document: FUIW/E.C.6/2001/1.1

- 5- After examining the Draft Agenda, the Council adopted it as per the version (Document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/1.1 Adopted) annexed to the Final Report. The Council passed the following decision in this connection:

Decision on Item 1.1 of the Agenda: Adoption of the Agenda N° FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.1.1

The Executive Council,

- Considering Article 12, operative paragraph "a" of the Statute;
- Having examined the Draft Agenda of the current Sixth Council Session;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Agenda of its Sixth Session as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.6/2001/1.1 Adopted), annexed to the Final Report.

**Item 1.2 of the Agenda:
Adoption of the Programme
Document: FUIW/E.C.6/2001/1.2**

- 6-** Following consideration of the Draft Programme organizing the Council's proceedings, the Executive Council decided to proceed according to the time frame contained in Document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/2.1 Adopted, annexed to the Final Report. The Council passed the following decision in this connection:

**Decision on Item 1.2 of the Agenda:
Adoption of the Programme
N° FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.1.2**

The Executive Council,

- Considering Decision FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.1.1 adopted by the Executive Council in connection with the Agenda of its current Sixth Session;
- Having examined the Draft Programme of the present Session, as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/1.2;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Programme of its Sixth Session's proceedings as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.6/2001/1.2 Adopted), annexed to the Final Report.

**Item 2.1 of the Agenda:
Report of the Secretary General on the General Secretariat's
Activities between the Fifth and Sixth Council Sessions
Document: FUIW/E.C.6/2001/2.1**

- 7-** The Secretary General presented his report on the activities on FUIW between the 5th and 6th Executive Council sessions, citing the major achievements and outstanding contributions made by the FUIW in its fields of competence during implementation of the programmes of 2000 under the Action Plan of FUIW for the years 1998-2000. The Secretary General appreciated the initiative taken by certain Member Universities, which cooperated with FUIW to carry out its activities, highlighting the importance of the activity pertaining to the publication of "Al Jamiaa" journal and "Al Ittihad" newsletter. The report

of the Secretary General of FUIW highlighted the importance of the scholarships awarded by the Member Universities to students, and appealed to the Member Universities to continue granting scholarships and to improve their quality.

In addition, the report of the Secretary General on the activities of FUIW addressed other axes of the FUIW Action Plan, such as:

1. Directory of university scientific research journals
2. FUIW periodical journal
3. FUIW newsletter
4. Meeting of the Committee in charge of preparing the financial regulations of the Islamic University in Niger
5. Assignment of experts to the Islamic University in Uganda for the evaluation of its scientific performance and administrative structure
6. Participation in the First Islamic Conference of Higher Education and Scientific Research

The Council passed the following decision in this connection:

**Decision on Item 2.1 of the Agenda:
Report of the Secretary General on the General Secretariat's
Activities between the Fifth and Sixth Council Sessions
N° FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.2.1**

The Executive Council,

- Considering Article 4 and Article 12, notably paragraph "e", of the Statute;
- Having heard the presentation made by the Secretary General of the Federation;
- Noting the evolution that marked the activities of the General Secretariat of the Federation;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Secretary General's Report on the General Secretariat's activities between the Fifth and Sixth Council Sessions as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/2.1;
2. Thanks the Secretary General of the Federation for the steady efforts he has exerted to develop the Federation's action and raise the number of Member Universities;
3. Commends the efforts exerted by the Secretary General of the Federation and his assistants to implement the Federation's activities programmed for 2000, especially joint cooperation activities with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization -ISESCO;

4. Invites the Secretary General to pursue ahead with the implementation of cooperation activities with the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized organs, and intensify coordination and consultation with the Organization likely to enable the Federation to take part in the Organization's periodic meetings and programmes falling within the Federation's fields of competence;
5. Thanks the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization -ISESCO- for the support and assistance extended to the Federation to implement its activities;
6. Agrees to submit this report to the Second Session of the General Conference and recommends its adoption.

**Item 2.2 of the Agenda:
Financial Report of the Secretary General and Study of the
Financial Situation of the Federation for the Years 1998-2000
Document: FUIW/E.C.6/2001/2.2**

- 8- The Executive Council examined the document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/2.2, and noted that the majority of Member Universities of FUIW did not settle the contributions to FUIW on a regular basis, which made it difficult to implement the activities pertaining to the Action Plan of FUIW for the Years 1998-2000. The General Secretariat of FUIW received the contributions of barely 26 universities out of the 158 Member Universities, notwithstanding the continuous reminders of the General Secretariat inducing the Member Universities to settle their contributions and pay up their arrears with a view to preserving the smooth running of the Federation and supporting its civilizational mission. Following deliberations, the Council passed the following decision in this connection:

**Decision on Item 2.2 of the Agenda:
(Financial Report of the Secretary General and Study of the
Financial Situation of the Federation for the Years 1998-2000)
N° FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.2.2**

The Executive Council,

- Considering Article 4 and Article 12, notably paragraph "e", of the Statute;
- Having heard to the presentation made by the Secretary General of the Federation on the settlement of Member Universities' contributions for the period 1998-2000;
- Taking into account the fact that the majority of Member Universities did not settle their financial contributions to the Federation on a regular basis;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Financial Report of the Secretary General and the Study of the Financial Situation of the Federation for the Years 1998-2000 as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/2.2, taking into consideration the remarks of the Executive Council;
2. Thanks the Member Universities which settled their financial contributions for the years 1998-2000, and urges the other Member Universities to honour their financial commitments and pay up their arrears;
3. Invites the Secretary General to pursue with his efforts geared to provide extra-budgetary resources for the Federation by means of raising the number of Member Universities of the Federation and through cooperating with parallel and specialized federations and bodies in order to implement the Federation's activities;
4. Places this item on the agenda of the following Executive Council session;
5. Agrees to submit this report to the Second Session of the General Conference and recommends its adoption.

Second Working Session: Sunday, 15 April 2001 (Afternoon)

Item 4.1 of the Agenda: Draft Charter of the Federation Document: FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.1

- 9- Following consideration of the said document, and after examination of the observations made by some Member Universities regarding the Draft Charter of the Federation, the Executive Council adopted the document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.1, and recommended the adoption of this document by the Second General Conference and passed the following decision in this connection:

Decision on Item 4.1 of the Agenda: Draft Charter of the Federation N° FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.4.1

The Executive Council,

- Considering Article 8, paragraph "d", and Article 16 of the Statute;
- Having considered the Draft Charter of the Federation as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.1;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place, and the proposals and the observations put forward by the Executive Council members;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Draft Charter of the Federation as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.1 adopted), taking into consideration the remarks of the Executive Council;
2. Thanks the Secretary General and his assistants for the efforts exerted in the preparation of Draft Charter;
3. Recommends the adoption of the Draft Charter of the Federation as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.1 adopted) by the Second General Conference of the Federation.

**Item 4.2 of the Agenda:
Draft Financial Regulations of the Federation
Document: FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.2**

- 10-** Following examination of the said document, and after consideration of the observations and proposals made by the Members of the Executive Council with regard to the Draft Financial Regulations of the Federation, the Executive Council adopted the document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.2, and recommended its adoption by the Second General Conference. The Council passed the following decision in this connection:

**Decision on Item 4.2 of the Agenda:
Draft Financial Regulations of the Federation
N° FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.D.4.2**

The Executive Council,

- Considering Article 8, paragraph “d”, and Article 16 of the Statute;
- Having considered the Draft Financial Regulations of the Federation contained in Document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.2;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place, and the proposals and the observations put forward by the Executive Council members;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Draft Financial Regulations of the Federation as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.2 adopted) taking into consideration the remarks of the Executive Council;
2. Thanks the Secretary General and his assistants for the efforts exerted in the preparation of Draft Financial Regulations;
3. Recommends the adoption of the Draft Financial Regulations of the Federation as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.2 adopted) by the Second General Conference of the Federation.

**Item 4.3 of the Agenda:
Draft Rules of Procedure of the
Executive Council of the Federation
Document: FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.3**

11- Following examination of the said document, and after consideration of the observations and proposals made by the Members of the Executive Council with regard to the Draft Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the Federation, the Executive Council adopted the document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.3, and recommended the adoption of the document by the Second General Conference. The Council passed the following decision in this connection:

**Decision on Item 4.3 of the Agenda:
Draft Rules of Procedure of the
Executive Council of the Federation
N° FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.4.3**

The Executive Council,

- Considering Article 8, paragraph “d”, and Article 16 of the Statute;
- Having considered the Draft Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the Federation as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.3;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place, and the proposals and the observations put forward by the Executive Council members;

Decides the following:

- 1.** Adopts the Draft Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the Federation as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.3 adopted), taking into consideration the remarks of the Executive Council;
- 2.** Thanks the Secretary General and his assistants for the efforts exerted in the preparation of Draft Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the Federation;
- 3.** Recommends the adoption of the Draft Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the Federation as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.2 adopted) by the Second General Conference of the Federation.

**Item 4.4 of the Agenda:
Draft Rules of Procedure of the
General Conference of the Federation
Document: FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.4**

12- Following examination of the said document, and after consideration of the observations and proposals made by the Members of the Executive Council with regard to the Draft

Rules of Procedure of the General Conference of the Federation, the Executive Council adopted the document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.3, and recommended its adoption by the Second General Conference. The Council passed the following decision in this connection:

**Decision on Item 4.4 of the Agenda
Draft Rules of Procedure of the General
Conference of the Federation
N° FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.4.4**

The Executive Council,

- Considering Article 8, paragraph “d”, and Article 16 of the Statute;
- Having considered the Draft Rules of Procedure of the General Conference of the Federation as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.4;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place, and the proposals and the observations put forward by the Executive Council members;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Draft Rules of Procedure of the General Conference of the Federation as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.4 adopted), taking into consideration the remarks of the Executive Council;
2. Thanks the Secretary General and his assistants for the efforts exerted in the preparation of Draft Rules of Procedure of the General Conference of the Federation;
3. Recommends the adoption of the Draft Rules of Procedure of the General Conference of the Federation as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.6/2001/4.4 adopted) by the Second General Conference of the Federation.

Third Working Session: Monday, 16 April 2001

**Item 3.1 of the Agenda:
Deciding on the Applications for Membership in the
Federation submitted by Universities and Higher Institutes
Document: FUIW/E.C.6/2001/3.1**

- 13- Following consideration of the list of universities that applied for membership in the FUIW, and pursuant to the recommendation of the General Secretariat of FUIW to admit those universities in view of their eligibility for membership, the Executive Council

adopted the document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/3.1, and passed the following decision in this connection:

**Decision on Item 3.1 of the Agenda:
Deciding on the Applications for Membership in the
Federation submitted by Universities and Higher Institutes
N° FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.3.1**

The Executive Council,

- Considering Article 5, paragraphs “a” and “b”, and Article 10, paragraph “e”, of the Statute;
- Considering the recommendation of the Executive Council of the Federation enshrined in operative paragraph 2 of Decision FUIW/E.C.5/2000/D.4, adopted by the Executive Council at its Fifth Session (Islamic Azad University, Tehran, Iran, 26-28 April, 2000);
- Having considered the document containing the list of universities that applied for membership in the Federation;
- Taking into account the General Secretariat's recommendation to admit those universities as members in the Federation on grounds of their eligibility for membership;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Endorses the membership of the said universities in the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/3.1 amended, annexed to the Final Report;
2. Recommends that the General Secretariat of the Federation pursue its efforts to invite other universities in the Muslim world to join the Federation;
3. Postpones the admission of the other universities, candidates for membership to the Federation, until fulfilment of admission conditions;
4. Recommends that the Second Session of the General Conference of the Federation adopt the Document listed under code FUIW/E.C.6/2001/3.1 adopted.

**Item 5.1 of the Agenda:
Project of Foundation of an Association
for the Academic Muslim Women
Document: FUIW/E.C.6/2001/5.1**

- 14-** The University Al-Zahra in the Islamic Republic of Iran requested to include this item in the Agenda of the Executive Council for examination and submission to the General Conference. Following the deliberations, the Council passed the following decision in this connection:

**Decision on Item 5.1 of the Agenda
Project of Foundation of an Association
for the Academic Muslim Women
N° FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.5.1**

The Executive Council,

- Considering Article 8, paragraph “d”, and Article 16 of the Statute;
- Having considered the Project of Foundation of an Association for the Academic Muslim Women as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/5.1;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- Mandates the Secretary General to follow up the issue with the University Al-Zahra and submit the matter to the next Executive Council session.

**Item 6.1 of the Agenda:
Date and Venue of the Seventh
Session of the Executive Council
Document: FUIW/E.C.6/2001/6.1**

- 15-** Following deliberations on this item, the Council passed the following decision in this connection:

**Decision on Item 6.1 of the Agenda:
Date and Venue of the Seventh
Session of the Executive Council
N° FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.6.1**

The Executive Council,

- In compliance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Statute;
- Having considered the Document FUIW/E.C.6/2001/6.1;
- Considering the kind invitation addressed by the Rector of Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University in Riyadh to host the coming session of the Council;

Decides the following:

1. Holds the Seventh Session of the Council in February 2002 at the Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University in Riyadh.
2. Conveys thanks to the Rector of the University for this gracious invitation.

**Item 7.1 of the Agenda:
Preparation of the Second
Session of the General Conference
Document: FUIW/E.C.6/2001/6.1**

- 16.** Following examination of the Draft Agenda and the Draft Programme of the Second Session of the General Conference (Documents: FUIW/E.C.6/2001/1.2 provisional, and FUIW/E.C.6/2001/1.3 provisional), the Council passed the following decision in this connection:

**Decision on Item 7.1 of the Agenda:
Preparation of the Second Session
of the General Conference
N° FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.7.1**

The Executive Council,

- In compliance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Statute;
- Having considered the following Documents of the General Conference:
 - * Document CG 2/2001/1.2 on “Adoption of the Conference Agenda”
 - * Document CG 2/2001/1.3 on “Adoption of the Conference Programme”
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- Recommends that the Second Session of the General Conference adopt Document CG2/2001/1.2 on “Adoption of the Conference Agenda” as well as Document CG2/2001/1.3 on “Adoption of the Conference Programme”.

Closing Session: Monday, 16 April 2001

17- At its closing session, the Executive Council examined the Draft Final Report, and adopted it. On this occasion, H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Secretary General of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW), delivered an address, in which he thanked the participants for their interest in the Federation's programmes and in the documents included in the agenda of the Council session. He likewise commended the efforts exerted by the staff of the International Islamic University, particularly Dr. Mohamad Kamal Hassan, and thanked them for their warm welcome, expressing by the same token his appreciation for the excellent organization arrangements, the tremendous efforts expended, and the provision of all means with a view to facilitating the holding of the Council and bringing its proceedings to fruition.