

7th Executive Council Session
Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University
Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
5-6 March 2002

Final Report

The Executive Council of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) held its Seventh regular session at Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It was generously hosted by Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University from 21 to 22 Zul Hijja 1422 A.H. corresponding to 5-6 March 2002.

The proceedings of this session were attended by the members of the Executive Council, under the chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Abdullah Jassbi, President of the Islamic Azad University of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chairman of the Executive Council of the FUIW, and H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), Secretary General of the FUIW, and H.E. Dr. Dato Mohamad Kamal Hassan, Rector of the International Islamic University in Malaysia.

Opening Session: Tuesday, 5 March 2002 (Morning)

1. The opening session was held under the chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Abdullah Jassbi, President of the Islamic Azad University of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chairman of the Executive Council of the FUIW, and was attended by H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Secretary General of the FUIW, H.E. Dr. Dato Mohamad Kamal Hassan, Rector of the International Islamic University in Malaysia, President of the Third General Conference of the FUIW, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Bin Saad Al-Salem, Rector of Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, in addition to a number of members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to Riyadh, and a constellation of personalities in the realm of thought, culture and information and senior University officials and professors.
2. Following a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Bin Saad Al-Salem, Rector of Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, delivered an address in which he first welcomed the members of the Executive Council participating to that Session, expressing his happiness to meet with them, once again, on the occasion of the Seventh Session of the FUIW Executive Council, convened at Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University. He underlined the paramount importance of solidarity among the

universities of the Islamic world for the dissemination of sound knowledge, the forging of learned generations, and the consolidation of the national identity, while entrenching the values of dialogue, open-mindedness and tolerance. He mainly underscored the scientific renaissance witnessed by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the reign of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and his trustworthy Crown Prince. Such a renaissance is embodied in promoting the country's developmental institutions and enrooting the bases of progress and prosperity as well as consolidating the position of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the Islamic World and the international arena in general, indicating the happy concomitance of holding the present Council session with the celebration by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of the 20th anniversary of the reign of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques. 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. In this connection, he conveyed thanks to H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Secretary General of the FUIW, for the outstanding efforts he is exerting to promote FUIW action, and discharge its civilizational mission.

3. H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Secretary General of the FUIW, delivered an address in which he expressed his happiness to be attending the session, and the pride he took in the fact that Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University should be the patron of such an important meeting of the FUIW. He likewise extended his heartfelt thanks to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for its unflagging support to the Islamic Organization (ISESCO) and to the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World. He indicated that the university is bound to discharge specific role and mission, which they constantly keep growing as the duties devolved on the university develop and become truly pressing. Although we shall take up jointly and severally the obligations of the Federation, we shall, nonetheless, exert every effort at individual level, the ultimate purpose being to achieve a synergy within a broader framework of joint Islamic action at the level of university and higher education, to give substance to the objectives pursued by Member Universities, on the forefront of which is the linkage of university with the process of economic and social development. Gearing the university towards social development and environment conservation as well as the promotion of scientific research are also prerequisites to keep pace with world developments in this area and to secure a shortcut to comprehensive scientific and technological development. He conveyed his appreciation for the tremendous efforts expended by H.E. Dr. Mohammed Bin Saad Al-Salem, Rector of Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, to arrange for the organization of the Council's session, and thanked him for the warm welcome, generous hospitality.

4. Afterwards, H.E. Dr. Abdullah Jassbi, President of the Islamic Azad University, Chairman of the Executive Council of the FUIW, 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 fulfill the Islamic civilizational mission. He likewise praised the actions undertaken by the Islamic Organization (ISESCO) and by the FUIW to bring about the educational, scientific and

cultural development of the Muslim societies. He also indicated that the Federation includes leaders of the higher education in the Muslim World who have to devise new policies of to face the challenges of the millennium ahead of us, particularly the policies aiming to strengthen cooperation among member universities to devise effective ways of learning likely to lead to what may be called *learning without borders*, and this project can be achieved within the framework of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World.

5. At the end of the opening session, H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Secretary General of the FUIW, offered FUIW's Emblem to H.E. Dr. Mohammed Bin Saad Al-Salem, Rector of Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, in appreciation for his outstanding accomplishment in the field of higher education as well as in the promotion of the values of Islamic solidarity among the Member Universities of the FUIW, in addition to the kind support to the success of Seventh Session of the Executive Council of the FUIW hosted by Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University in Riyadh. H.E. Dr. Mohammed Bin Saad Al-Salem, Rector of Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University likewise presented a gift to both H.E. Dr. Abdullah Jassbi, President of the Islamic Azad University, Chairman of the Executive Council of the FUIW and H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Secretary General of the FUIW.

First Working Session: Tuesday, 5 March 2002

Item 1.1 of the Agenda Adoption of the Agenda Document n° FUIW/E.C.7/2002/1.1

6. After examining the Draft Agenda, the Council adopted it as per the annexed version to the Final Report (Document FUIW/E.C.7/2002/1.1 Adopted). The Council passed the following decision in this connection:

Decision on Item 1.1 of the Agenda (The Agenda) FUIW/E.C.7/2002/D.1.1

The Executive Council,

- In compliance with Article (11) II, operative paragraph “a” of the Federation’s Charter ;
- Having examined the Draft Agenda of the current Seventh Council Session;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Agenda of its Seventh Session as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.7/2002/1.1 Adopted, annexed to the Final Report.

**Item 1.2 of the Agenda
Adoption of the Programme
Document n° FUIW/E.C.7/2002/1.2**

7. 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.7/2002/1.2 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)
FUIW/E.C.7/2002/D.1.2**

The Executive Council,

- Considering Decision FUIW/E.C.7/2002/D.1.1 adopted by the Executive Council in connection with the Agenda of its current Seventh Session;
- Having examined the Draft Programme of the present Session, as contained in the Document FUIW/E.C.7/2002/1.2 (Provisional);

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Programme of its Seventh Session's proceedings as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.7/2002/1.2 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 Sixth and Seventh Council Sessions
Document n° FUIW/E.C.7/2002/2.1**

8. The Secretary General presented his report on the activities on FUIW between the Sixth and Seventh 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 2001 under the Action Plan of FUIW for the years 2001-2003. 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 concerning the symposium on “*Revitalizing Higher Education in the Service of the Ummah*” hosted by Ibn Zahr University, in Agadir, Kingdom of Morocco, and the activity pertaining to the symposium “*Role of Universities and Technology in literacy*” held at UNESCO’s headquarters, in addition to the project of creating chairs of the Federation in Member Universities, which was prepared in cooperation with the International College of Islamic Sciences in London. The report of the Secretary General of FUIW highlighted the participation of the Federation in a number of meetings inside and outside FUIW’s

headquarters, and 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 Universities in the Islamic World (activity 2.1)
2. Directory of university scientific research journals (activity 2.2)
3. FUIW periodical journal (activity 3.2)
4. Exchange of professors (activity 6.1)
5. FUIW Newsletter (activity 7.1)
6. Publication of the Federation's Internal Regulations
7. Participation in the fourteenth session of the Board of Trustees of the Islamic University in Niger
8. Participation in the fourteenth session of the Board of Trustees of the Islamic University in Uganda
9. Contribution to the preparation of Ministry of Higher Education's organizational structure and university institutions' systems in the Republic of Yemen

Following the deliberations, the Council passed the following decision:

**Decision on Item 2.1 of the Agenda
(Report on the Secretary General on the General Secretariat's
Activities between the Sixth and Seventh Council Sessions)
FUIW/E.C.7/2002/D.2.1**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (11) II, paragraph "a", of the Federation's Charter;
- In compliance with Article (21), operative paragraph "a" of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the Federation;
- Having heard the presentation made by the Secretary General of the Federation;
- Noting the evolution that marked the activities of the General Secretariat of FUIW;
- 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 Report of the Secretary General on the General Secretariat's Activities as contained in Document n° FUIW/E.C.7/2002/2.1 and takes into consideration the observations of the Council members.

2. Approves the project of creating chairs of the Federation in Member Universities and invites the Secretary General to pursue coordination and consultation with Member Universities in order to implement this project.
3. Invites the Secretary General to pursue his efforts aimed at broadening the scope of cooperation and partnership with similar federation and Arab, Islamic and International specialized organizations, within the framework of programmes' implementation.
4. Thanks the Secretary General of the Federation for the great efforts he has exerted to develop the Federation's action and raise the number of Member Universities.
5. Commends the efforts exerted by the Secretary General of the Federation and his assistants to implement the Federation's activities scheduled for 2001.
6. Agrees to submit this report to the Third 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 Year 2001
Document n° FUIW/E.C.7/2002/2.2**

9. The Executive Council examined the document FUIW/E.C.7/2002/2.2, 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 2001-2003. The contributions remain beyond the required level although the contributions received by the Federation this year from 68 universities was the most important in comparison with the previous years. The Council emphasized the importance of the follow-up of the contribution's settlement and the continued 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. After the 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 Year 2001
FUIW/E.C.7/2002/D.2.2**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (10) II, paragraph "6", and Article (11) II, paragraph "b", of the Federation's Charter;
- In compliance with Article (21), operative paragraph "b", of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the Federation;

- Considering Decision n° FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.2.2, adopted by the Executive Council at its Sixth Session (International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 15-16 April 2001);
- Taking into account that the majority of Member Universities of FUIW did not settle their financial contributions to FUIW for the year 2001 and the preceding years;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Financial Report of the Secretary General as contained in document FUIW/E.C.7/2002/2.2.
2. Thanks the FUIW Member Universities which have settled their contributions for the year 2001 and urges the other Member Universities to honour their financial commitments and pay up their arrears, along with preparing a statement on the universities which have settled their contributions and those which have not, and annex it to the payment of contribution notice.
3. Commends the efforts exerted by the Secretary General of the FUIW in terms of intensifying contacts with Member Universities to settle their financial contributions, and thanks him for his sound implementation of the successive Executive Council decisions in this connection.
4. Invites the FUIW Secretary General to intensify contacts with donor parties and charitable institutions with a view to securing new resources, through endowment (Awqafs) and donations, to the Federation.
5. Invites the President of the FUIW General Conference to write to the universities which have not settled their annual contributions for the years 2000-2001 and the preceding years, to honour their financial obligations in order to give stronger impetus to the FUIW's activities.
6. Places this item on the agenda of the forthcoming Executive Council session.
7. Places this item on the agenda of the Third General Conference and recommends that the Conference adopt the Financial Report of the Secretary General.

Second Working Session: Tuesday, 5 March 2002 (Afternoon)

**Item 3.1 of the Agenda
Consideration of the Applications for Membership
in the FUIW submitted by Universities and Higher Institutes
Document FUIW/E.C.7/2002/3.1**

10. Following consideration of the list of universities that applied for membership in the FUIW, totaling seventeen (17) universities, and pursuant to the recommendation of the General Secretariat of FUIW to admit universities which comply with membership

conditions, the Executive Council approved the application of eight universities as per document FUIW/E.C.5/2000/4, and passed the following decision in this connection:

**Decision on Item 3.1 of the Agenda
Consideration of the Applications for Membership
in the FUIW submitted by Universities and Higher Institutes
FUIW/E.C.7/2002/D.3.1**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (10) II, paragraph “5” of the Federation’s Charter;
- In compliance with Article (21), operative paragraph “1”, of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the Federation;
- Pursuant to Decision FUIW/E.C.6/2001/D.3.1, adopted by the Executive Council at its Sixth Session (International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 15-16 April 2001);
- Having considered the document containing the list of universities that applied for membership in the Federation, totaling 17 universities;
- Having heard the presentation made by the Secretary General in this connection;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Accepts the membership of the said universities in the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.7/2002/3.1 amended, annexed to the Final Report.
2. Recommends that the Secretary General of the Federation pursue his efforts to invite other universities in the Islamic world to join the Federation;
3. Places this item on the Agenda of the forthcoming session of the General Conference of the Federation, and recommends that the Conference adopt the document numbered FUIW/E.C.7/2002/3.1 Adopted.

**Item 4.1 of the Agenda
Draft General Axes of the Action Plan for the Years 2004-2006
Document FUIW/E.C.7/2002/4.1**

11. The Secretary General presented an exhaustive report on the Draft General Axes of the Action Plan for the Years 2002-2004, in which he talked about the main axes of the Plan, which was drawn up in the light of the major objectives and priorities of FUIW, consisting mainly in strengthening cooperation among Member Universities, and in treating the issues of higher education in the Islamic world; higher education and contemporary issues as well as searching for new horizons of higher education in the Islamic world. He also pointed out that the General Secretariat of FUIW shall prepare the draft plan for the years 2004-2006, in light of this document, and shall submit it to the

next session of the Executive Council for approval prior to its adoption by the Third General Conference. The Council passed the following decision in this connection:

**Decision on Item 4.1 of the Agenda
Draft General Axes of the Action Plan for the Years 2004-2006
FUIW/E.C.7/2002/D.4.1**

The Executive Council,

- In compliance with Article (11) II, paragraph “b”, of the Federation’s Charter;
- In accordance with Article (21), operative paragraph “c” of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the Federation;
- Having examined the document containing the Draft General Axes of the Action Plan for the Years 2004-2006 ;
- Taking into account the fact that the axes included in the Draft Plan have been laid down in light of the needs and priorities of Member Universities and the main goals of the Federation ;
- Having heard the presentation made by the Secretary General in this connection;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Draft General Axes of the Action Plan for the Years 2004-2006 as contained in the document FUIW/E.C.7/2002/4.1 amended, taking into consideration the observations of the Council members.
2. Invites the Secretary General to prepare the Action Plan and Budget for the Years 2004-2006 in light of the aforementioned document.
3. Thanks the Secretary General and his assistants for the efforts exerted in the preparation of the Draft Action Plan.

**Item 5.1 of the Agenda
Date and Venue of the Eighth Session of the Executive Council
Document n° FUIW/E.C.7/2002/5.1**

13. Considering the kind invitation addressed by Dr. Mohammad Abdul Razak Tabtabaie, Dean of Islamic Shariah, University of Kuwait, in the name of H.E. Mrs. Dr. Fawzia Al Khurafi , Rector of Kuwait University, to host the 8th Session of the Council, the Council passed the following decision in this connection :

Decision on Item 5.1 of the Agenda

Date and Venue of the Eighth Session of the Executive Council FUIW/E.C.7/2002/5.1

The Executive Council,

- In compliance with Article (10) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the Federation;
- Considering the kind invitation addressed by H.E. the Rector of Kuwait University to host the forthcoming session of the Council;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Holds the Eighth Session of the Council in February 2003, at Kuwait University in the State of Kuwait.
2. Conveys thanks to the Rector of the University for this gracious invitation.

Closing session : Wednesday 6 March, 2002 : (Morning)

- 13- The last session was devoted to the examination of the draft final report which was then adopted on that occasion. Dr. Abdullah Jassbi, President of Islamic Azad University Chairman of the Executive Council, delivered an address in which he thanked the members of the Council for their constructive participation in the deliberations of the session, and thanked the Secretary General of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World for the excellent preparation of the documents submitted, the projects put forward and the activities implemented over the course of the two sessions. He also expressed sincere thanks to the Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University for the generous hospitality and warm welcome and to the University of Kuwait for offering to host the next session of the Council.
- 14- Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), Secretary General of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World took the floor, and expressed thanks and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd bin Abdulaziz, H.R.H. Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, First Deputy Premier, Commander of the National Guard, and H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz, Prince of the Riyadh region for the continuous support extended to the Islamic Organization and for the generous sponsorship of the session. He also thanks the members of the Executive Council, lauded the positive results reached by the session, and reiterated the determination of the Federation's General Secretariat to follow up its resolutions and recommendations. He also condemned the savage onslaught against Islam and the Islamic civilization and the barbarous and growing Zionist aggression against the Palestinian people, which requires the solidarity of the states of the Muslim World to stop that aggression and call the Zionist authorities to account by the international community for the aggression they are perpetrating. At the close of his speech, the Director General thanked Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University for hosting that session and for the facilities provided in order to ensure its success.

- 15- Dr. Muhammad bin Saud Salim, Rector of Al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, took the floor and, expressed sincere thanks to the Chairman and members of the Executive Council and to the Secretary General of the Federation. He also commended the results reached by the session, its resolutions and recommendations. He also expressed sincere thanks to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and H.R.H. Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, First Deputy Premier, Commander of the National Guard for their support to the Universities and their sponsorship for its activities and projects and for enabling it to organize this session under the best conditions possible. He also welcomed the Executive Council members who will attend the international symposium on “**Efforts of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in serving Islam and Muslims**” and wished a pleasant return to those who were travelling back home before the Symposium.
- 16- At the close of the session, the Executive Council addressed a message of thanks and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, H.R.H. Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, First Deputy Premier, Commander of the National Guard, H.R.H. Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, Second Deputy Premier, Minister of Defence and Aviation and Inspector General, H.R.H. Prince Abdulaziz bin Fahd bin Abdulaziz, Minister of State, Cabinet Member, Head of the Premiership Private Office and H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz, Prince of Riyadh region.