

9th Executive Council Session
University of Sharjah
Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
7 March 2004

Final Report

The Executive Council of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) held its Ninth regular session at the University of Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates. It was generously hosted by the University of Sharjah on 16 Muharram 1425 A.H. corresponding to 7 March 2004.

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 Chairman of the Executive Council of the FUIW.

Opening Session: Sunday, 16 Muharram 1425 A.H. / 7 March 2004

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, and Chairman of the Executive Council of the FUIW, and was attended by H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), Secretary General of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW), and Dr Ismail Al-Bichri, Chancellor of the University of Sharjah .
2. Following a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, H.E. Dr. Abdullah Jassbi, President of the Islamic Azad University, delivered an address in which he first welcomed the members of the Executive Council participating in this Session, expressing his happiness to meet with them once again, on the occasion of the Ninth Session of the FUIW Executive Council, convened at the University of Sharjah. He underlined that universities and higher education centers in Islamic world were in need of a re-engineering since a new generation of universities had emerged in international arena, naturally causing new demands on sustainable development, especially in cultural, humane, economic, environmental, technological, social, research and vocational aspect. Emergence of intelligent society, domination of networking culture, development of multi-disciplinary universities and distance education universities have induced new challenges and new mission for universities. He then conveyed thanks to H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Secretary General of the FUIW, for the outstanding efforts he was exerting to promote FUIW action, and discharge its civilizational mission.

3. H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and Secretary General of the FUIW delivered an address in which he expressed his pride in the fact that the University of Sharjah sponsored such an important meeting of the FUIW. He indicated that the 9th Executive Council session of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World convened in a critical juncture adding to the complexity of problems facing Muslim societies, especially in the educational field, and most specifically at university level. Indeed, these problems disrupt the developmental process and hamper profit from the expertise gained by the educated youth, thereby delaying the movement to catch up with the rest of the world. He marked his appreciation for the tremendous efforts expended by H.E. Dr. Ismail Al-Bichri, President of the University of Sharjah, to arrange for the organization of the Council's session, and thanked him for his warm welcome and generous hospitality.
4. H.E. Dr. Ismail Al-Bichri, delivered a welcome address in which he conveyed the greetings of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammad Al-Qassimi to the participants in this session, wishing them a pleasant stay in the City of Sharjah, and praying Almighty Allah to grant them success. He noted the availability of the University of Sharjah to supply any means liable to help bring the proceedings into fruition.

The participants then attended a reception which was offered in their honour.

Working Session : Sunday, 16 Muharram 1425 A.H. / 7 March 2004

Item 1.1 of the Draft Agenda (Draft Agenda) Document: FUIW/EC 9/2004/1.1

5. After examining the Draft Agenda, the Council adopted it in the version annexed to the Final Report (Document FUIW/E.C.9/2004/1.1 Adopted).

Decision on Item 1.1 of the Draft Agenda (Draft Agenda) FUIW/EC 9/2004/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 Ninth Council Session, as contained in Document N°: FUIW/E.C 9/2004/1.1 (Provisional);
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Agenda of its Ninth Session's proceedings as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.9/2004/1.1 Adopted, annexed to the Final Report.

**Item 1.2 of the Agenda
(Draft Programme)
Document: FUIW/EC 9/2004/1.2**

6. Following consideration of the Draft Programme, the Executive Council decided to proceed according to the time frame contained in Document FUIW/E.C.9/2004/1.2 Adopted, annexed to the Final Report.

**Decision on Item 1.2 of the Agenda
(Draft Programme)
FUIW/EC 9/2004/D. 1.2**

The Executive Council,

- Considering Decision FUIW/E.C.9/2004/D.1.1 adopted by the Executive Council in connection with the Agenda of its current Ninth Session;
- Having examined the Draft Programme of the present Session, as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.9/2004/1.2 (Provisional);
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Programme of its Ninth Session's proceedings as contained in Document FUIW/E.C.9/2004/1.2 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 Eighth and Ninth Council Sessions)
Document: FUIW/EC 9/2004/2.1**

7. The Secretary General presented a report on the activities of FUIW in the interim period between the Eighth and Ninth Executive Council sessions, highlighting the achievements and contributions made by the FUIW in its fields of competence during implementation of the programmes of 2003 under the Action Plan of FUIW for the years 2001-2003. The Secretary General commended the initiative taken by certain Member Universities, which cooperated with FUIW to carry out its activities, stressing the importance of the project of the Virtual Islamic University, which was prepared in cooperation with the Islamic Azad University. 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, lauding the scholarships awarded by the Member Universities to students, and appealing to the Member Universities to continue granting scholarships and to improve their quality.

Further still, the report of the Secretary General on the activities of FUIW addressed other axes of the FUIW Action Plan, namely:

- a- Directory of Universities in the Islamic World (Activity 2.1)
- b- Directory of university scientific research journals (Activity 2.2)
- c- FUIW periodical journal (Activity 3.1)
- d- Exchange of professors (Activity 6.1)
- e- Participation in the General Conference of the Association of African Universities
- f- Participation in the Second Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research
- g- Participation in the Second Meeting of the Arab Thought Foundation.

**Decision on Item 2.1 of the Agenda
(Report of the Secretary General on the General Secretariat's
Activities between the Eighth and Ninth Council Sessions)
FUIW/EC 9/2004/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;
- 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.9/2004/2.1, taking into consideration the observations of the Council members.
2. Invites the Secretary General to pursue his efforts aimed at broadening the scope of cooperation and partnership with similar Federations and Arab, Islamic and international specialized organizations, within the framework of programmes' implementation.
3. Thanks Member Universities that responded favorably to the support of the project of scholarships destined to students from the Islamic world, and invites the rest of universities to support and encourage this project to help students and researchers pursue their studies and facilitate mutual exchange and acquaintance, as part of promotion of cooperation and partnership among universities, higher education institutions and scientific research centers in the Islamic world.

4. Commends the efforts exerted by the Secretary General of the Federation and his assistants to implement the Federation's activities scheduled for 2003.
5. 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.
6. Agrees to submit this report to the Third Session of the General Conference and recommends its adoption.

**Decision on Item 2.2 of the Agenda
(Financial Report of the Secretary General and Study
of the Financial Situation of the Federation under the year 2003)
Document: FUIW/EC 9/2004/2.2**

8. The Executive Council examined the document FUIW/E.C.9/2004/2.2, 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 individual contributions received this year by the Federation did not exceed (40), a fact indicating that the situation still remains beneath the required level. The Council emphasized the importance of the follow-up of the contribution's settlement and the continued reminders by 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.

**Decision on Item 2.2 of the Agenda
(Financial Report of the Secretary General and Study
of the Financial Situation of the Federation under the year 2003)
FUIW/EC 9/2004/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;
- Recalling Decision n° FUIW/E.C.8/2003/D.2.2, adopted by the Executive Council at its Eighth Session (Islamic Azad University, Tehran, 9-10 October 2003);
- Taking into account that the majority of Member Universities of FUIW did not settle their financial contributions to FUIW for the year 2003 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.9/2004/2.2.
2. Exempts Member Universities from paying their arrears since they joined the Federation, given the fact that they settled their contributions for three successive years, as indicated in the annex to the Final Report.
3. Thanks the FUIW Member Universities which have settled their contributions for the year 2003 and urges the other Member Universities to honour their financial commitments and pay up their arrears.
4. 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.
5. Thanks the FUIW Secretary General for preparing a report on the contribution of the Federation's Member Universities under the Action Plan 2001-2003.
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.

**Item 3.1 of the Agenda
(Preparation of the Third General Conference)
Document: FUIW/EC 9/2004/3.1**

9. Following examination of the Document FUIW/E.C.9/2004/3.1 regarding the preparation of the Third General Conference Session, the Council approved the document and recommended the Conference to adopt it.

**Decision on Item 3.1 of the Agenda
(Preparation of the Third General Conference)
FUIW/EC 9/2004/D. 3.1**

The Executive Council,

- In compliance with Article (6) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference of the Federation;
- Having examined the Draft Agenda (Document FUIW/GC3/2004/1.2 Provisional) and the Draft Programme of the Third General Conference (Document FUIW/GC3/2004/1.3 Provisional);
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Approves the Draft Agenda and Draft Programme.
2. Recommends to the General Conference to adopt the two documents mentioned here-above.

Item 3.2 of the Agenda
(Date and Venue of the Tenth Session of the Executive Council)
Document: FUIW/EC 9/2004/3.2

10. In response to the kind invitation addressed by H.E. Dr. Mohammad Tabtabaee, Dean of the Faculty of Sharia at the University of Kuwait to host the 10th Session of the Executive Council of the Federation, the Council agreed to hold its 10th Session in the University of Kuwait during the month of February 2005.

Decision on Item 3.2 of the Agenda
(Date and Venue of the Tenth Session of the Executive Council)
FUIW/EC 9/2004/D. 3.2

The Executive Council,

- In compliance with Article (10) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the Federation;
- Referring to the kind invitation extended by the University of Kuwait in the State of Kuwait to play host to the forthcoming session of the Council;

Decides the following:

1. Holds the Tenth Session of the Council in February 2005 within the precincts of the University of Kuwait in the State of Kuwait
2. Extends thanks to the University of Kuwait for this kind invitation.