

10<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Session  
Kuwait University, State of Kuwait  
6-8 March 2005

## Final Report

The Executive Council of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) held its Tenth Session at Kuwait University, in the State of Kuwait, which generously hosted the session on 25-27 Muharram 1426 A.H. corresponding to 6-8 March 2005.

The proceedings of this session were attended by the members of the Executive Council, under the chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Rasheed Hamad Al Hamad Minister of Education and Higher Education, representative of the Patron of the Session His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah, and H.E. Dr. Abdollah Jassbi, President of the Islamic Azad University and Chairman of the Executive Council of the FUIW, H.E. Dr. Ismail Al-Bishri, Chancellor of the University of Sharjah, President of the Third General Conference of the FUIW, H.E. Dr. Nader Al Jalal, President of Kuwait University, Dr. Ahmed Said Ould Bah the Representative of H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri the Secretary General of the Federation, and a number of delegations' members.

Following the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, H.E. Dr. Rasheed Hamad Al-Hamad, Minister of Education and Higher Education in the State of Kuwait delivered an address in which he welcomed the participants and expressed his honour to host this session, wishing the participants to achieve the expected goals and objectives, and stressing the importance of the exploitation of the technological progress in order to reduce the digital divide in the Islamic World.

Then H.E. Dr. Nader Al Jalal, President of Kuwait University delivered a speech wherein he wished a warm welcome to the participants and highlighted the importance the government of Kuwait pays to knowledge and science, as a bridge to reach progress and prosperity. He also pointed out that the country is initiating a new project of a University city and also insisted on the solidarity between the Universities.

Then, H.E. Dr. Ismail Al-Bishri, Chancellor of the University of Sharjah and President of the Third General Conference of the Federation, made an address in which he reiterated his gratitude for Kuwait University for hosting the session, and paid tribute to the Secretariat of the Federation for the progress they achieved in the last years. He also recalled the results of the Third General Conference of the Federation held in the University of Sharjah and hailed the follow up of its resolutions and recommendations.

After that, H.E. Dr. Abdollah 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 Tenth Session of the FUIW Executive Council, convened at Kuwait University. He then conveyed thanks to H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Secretary General of the FUIW, for his outstanding efforts to promote FUIW action and discharge its civilizational mission. He underlined that universities and higher education centres in the

Islamic world need to renew their structures in order to keep pace with the new generation of universities that have emerged at the international arena, naturally causing pressing demands regarding sustainable development, especially in the fields of culture, human resources, economy, environment, technology, social action, research and vocational training. He also stressed the importance to organize Olympiads, competitions and prizes for going students and researches in the member Universities.

Dr. Ahmed Saïd Ould Bah, Head of the Cabinet of the Director General, read out the address of H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and Secretary General of the FUIW, in which he expressed his pride in the fact that Kuwait University patronized such an important meeting of the FUIW. He pointed out that the 10th Executive Council session of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World was convened in a critical juncture that complicated further the problems facing Muslim societies, especially in the educational field, and most specifically at university level. Indeed, these problems disrupt the developmental process and make it impossible to derive great benefit from the resources of the Ummah and capabilities of its youth, thereby delaying the movement of Islamic countries to catch up with the rest of the world in all areas. At the end of his address, the Secretary General expressed his appreciation for the tremendous efforts expended by H.E. Dr. Nader Al-Jalal, President of Kuwait University, in organizing this Council session, and thanked him for his warm welcome and generous hospitality.

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

Then, the Council held its working sessions. After examining the Draft Agenda and the Draft Programme, the Council adopted them.

The representative of the Secretary General presented a report on the activities of FUIW between the Ninth and Tenth Executive Council sessions, highlighting the achievements and contributions made by the FUIW in its fields of competence during the implementation of the programmes of 2004 under the Action Plan of FUIW for the years 2004-2006. The Secretary General commended the initiative taken by some Member Universities and similar federations to cooperate with FUIW's General Secretariat in carrying out the Federation's activities. In this connection, he pointed out 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 also 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 the Directory of universities in the Islamic world, the Directory of university scientific research journals, FUIW periodical journal, Exchange of officials and professors, participation in the Second Meeting of the Arab Thought Foundation, participation in the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Islamic University in Niger, participation in the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Islamic University in Uganda, and participation in the 7<sup>th</sup> General Conference of the Association of Islamic Universities.

The Executive Council examined the document related to the Financial Report of the Federation, and noted that the majority of Member Universities of FUIW do not settle

their contributions to the Federation on a regular basis, which makes it difficult to implement the activities included in FUIW Action Plan for the years 2004-2006. The individual contributions received this year by the Federation did not exceed (51), a fact indicating that the situation still remains below the required level. The Council invited the General Secretariat to continue reminding 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. The Council also laid stress on the relevant decisions of the Third General Conference, and called upon the General Secretariat to carry on implementing them. The Council suggested to explore new mechanisms of funding, namely Endowments and upgrading the annual fees, and decided to entrust the Secretariat of the Federation to carry out a study in this regard and submit it to the next session.

Having heard the presentation made by the President of the Islamic Azad University about the progress in the implementation of the project of the Virtual Islamic University, the Council expressed his gratitude to the University and asked it to continue its efforts in this regard.

Following consideration of the list of universities that applied for membership in the FUIW, totalling eight (8) universities, and pursuant to the recommendation of the General Secretariat to admit universities which fulfill membership conditions, the Council approved the application of (4) universities, namely Islamic Azad University – Birjand Branch (Islamic Republic of Iran), Sultan Qaboos University (Sultanate of Oman), Palestine Polytechnic University (State of Palestine) and AbdulMalek Essaadi University (Kingdom of Morocco). The Council also insisted on limiting the membership to outstanding universities and also on verifying the veracity of the information given in the application sheets.

Having heard the presentation made by the representative of the Secretary General of the Federation on the project of the draft amendments to FUIW internal regulations, especially the project of merging the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World and the Islamic Universities League, the Council invited the Secretary General to further consider the issue and make operative proposals in this regard, with a view to submitting them to the coming session of the Executive Council and General Conference.

In response to the kind invitation addressed by the Islamic Azad University and University of Sharjah to host the 11th Session of the Executive Council of the Federation in March 2006, the Council entrusted the General Secretariat to coordinate with the universities to hold the next session in due time.

At the closing of its proceedings, the Council decided to address messages of thanks to His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait, H.H. Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah, Crown Prince, H.H. Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah, Prime Minister, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Muhammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and H.E. Dr. Rasheed Hamad Al-Hamad, Minister of Education and Higher Education.

# Decisions of the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council

Decision FUIW/E.C.10/2005/ D.1.1(adopted)

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**Kuwait University, State of Kuwait**

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**Decision on Item 1.1 of the Draft Agenda:  
(Draft Agenda)**

**N°: FUIW/E.C.10/2005/D. 1.1(adopted)**

**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 Tenth Council Session, as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.10/2005/1.1, Provisional);
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

**Decides the following:**

- Adopts the Agenda of its Tenth Session as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.10/2005/1.1, adopted).

**Decision FUIW/E.C.10/2005/ D. 1.2 (amended, adopted)**



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**Decision on Item 1.2 of the Agenda:**  
**(Draft Programme)**

**N°: FUIW/E.C.10/2005/D. 1.2 (amended, adopted)**

**The Executive Council,**

- Considering the decision (FUIW/E.C.10/2005/D.1.1) adopted by the Executive Council regarding the Agenda of its current Tenth Session;
- Having examined the Draft Programme of the present Session, as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.10/2005/1.2, amended, Provisional);
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

**Decides the following:**

- Adopts the Programme of its Tenth Session as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.10/2005/1.2, adopted).

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Decision FUIW/E.C.10/2005/D. 2.1



**Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World**

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**Kuwait University, State of Kuwait**  
25-27 Muharram 1426 A.H. / 6-8 March 2005

**Decision on Item 2.1 of the Agenda:**  
**(Report of the Secretary General on the General Secretariat's**  
**Activities between the Ninth and Tenth Executive Council Sessions)**

**N°: FUIW/E.C.10/2005/ 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 Federation's Executive Council;
- Having heard the presentation made by the Secretary General of the Federation;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place, and the proposals and 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 (FUIW/E.C.10/2005/2.1), 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 specialized Arab, Islamic and international institutions, within the framework of programmes' implementation;
3. Thanks Member Universities that responded favourably to the support for the project of scholarships for students from the Islamic world, and invites the other universities to support and encourage this project with a view to helping students and researchers pursue their studies and research works, facilitating exchange and mutual acquaintance, and promoting cooperation and partnership among universities, higher education institutions and scientific research organs in Islamic countries;
4. Commends the efforts deployed by the Secretary General of the Federation and by his assistants to implement the Federation's activities scheduled for 2004;

5. Invites the Secretary General to pursue his efforts directed towards stimulating the Federation's action and triggering mechanisms for its furtherance;
6. Invites the Secretary General to enhance coordination and cooperation among universities with a view to sustaining the project of scholarships, exchange of visits and documents, and the holding of regional meetings of specialised experts from Member Universities;
7. Invites the Secretary General to put forward a practical proposal on the merger between the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World and the Islamic Universities' League;
8. Thanks the Secretary General of the Federation for the great efforts he has been making to develop the Federation's action and increase the number of Member Universities;
9. Agrees to submit this report to the Fourth Session of the General Conference and recommends its adoption.



Decision FUIW/E.C.10/2005/ D. 2.2

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**Kuwait University, State of Kuwait**  
25-27 Muharram 1426 A.H. / 6-8 March 2005

**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 2004)**

**N°: FUIW/E.C.10/2005/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 Federation’s Executive Council;
- Recalling the Decision (FUIW/E.C.9/2004/D.2.2) adopted by the Executive Council at its Ninth Session (University of Sharjah, State of the United Arab Emirates , 7 March 2004);
- Taking into account that the majority of Member Universities of FUIW did not settle their financial contributions to the Federation for the year 2004 and the preceding years;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

**Decides the following:**

1. Adopts the Financial Report of the Federation’s Secretary General as contained in Document (FUIW/E.C.10/2005/2.2);
2. Underlines the former decisions of the Council and the Conference on the situation of contributions and arrears as well as incentive procedures for paying them up;
3. Thanks Member Universities which have settled their contributions for the year 2004, and urges the other Member Universities to settle their financial contributions and pay up their arrears;
4. Praises the efforts deployed by the FUIW Secretary General to intensify contacts with Member Universities with a view to settling their financial contributions, and

thanks him for his sound implementation of the relevant decisions of the Executive Council's consecutive sessions;

5. Invites the General Secretariat to pursue its efforts to remind universities of paying up their subscription charges, and considers the presentation of financial proposals to raise the value of subscription fees;
6. Places this item on the agenda of the next Executive Council session;
7. Agrees to submit this report to the Federation's Fourth General Conference and recommends its adoption.

**Decision FUIW/E.C.10/2005/D. 2.3**



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**Decision on Item 2.3 of the Agenda:**  
**(Report on the Project of the Virtual Islamic University)**

**The Executive Council,**

- In accordance with Article (11) II, paragraph “a”, of the Federation’s Charter;
- Having heard the presentation made by the representative of Islamic Azad University in this connection;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place, and the proposals and observations put forward by the Executive Council members;

**Decides the following:**

1. Thanks Islamic Azad University in Tehran for its cooperation in the preparation of this presentation;
2. Invites the Secretary General to pursue his efforts aimed at implementing this project in cooperation and coordination with Islamic Azad University;
3. Places this item on the draft agenda of the coming Executive Council session.



**Decision FUIW/E.C.10/2005/D.3.1**

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**Decision on Item 3.1 of the Agenda:**

**(Consideration of the Applications for Membership of  
the FUIW submitted by Universities and Higher Institutes)**

**N°: FUIW/E.C. 10/2005/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 Federation’s Executive Council;
- Recalling the Decision (FUIW/E.C.8/2003/D.3.1) adopted by the FUIW Executive Council at its 8<sup>th</sup> session (Islamic Azad University, Tehran, 9-10 October 2003) ;
- Having examined the document containing the list of universities that applied for membership of the Federation, totalling 8 universities;
- Having heard the presentation made by the Secretary General in this connection ;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place ;

**Decides the following:**

1. Approves the membership of four universities of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World, namely Islamic Azad University- Birjand Branch (Islamic Republic of Iran); Sultan Qaboos University (Sultanate of Oman); Palestine Polytechnic University (State of Palestine); and Abdelmalek Essaadi University (Kingdom of Morocco), and defers consideration of the applications for membership of the following universities: Mofid University (Islamic Republic of Iran), Université Libre de Tunis (Tunisian Republic), Al-Asmaryah University for Islamic Sciences (Great Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), and National University (Republic of Yemen), till information is completed;
2. Recommends the Secretary General of the Federation to pursue his efforts to invite other universities in the Islamic world to join the Federation;
3. Places this item on the draft agenda of the next session of the General Conference of the Federation, and recommends the latter to approve the membership of the aforementioned universities

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**Decision FUIW/E.C.10/2005/D. 3.2**



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**Decision on Item 3.2 of the Agenda:**  
**(Draft amendments to FUIW Internal Regulations)**

**The Executive Council,**

- In accordance with Article (10) II, paragraph “8”, of the Federation’s Charter;
- In compliance with Article (21), paragraph “f”, of the Rules of Procedure of the Federation’s Executive Council;
- Having examined the draft amendments to FUIW Internal Regulations, as contained in document (FUIW/E.C.10/2005/3.2);
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place, and the proposals and observations put forward by the Executive Council members;

**Decides the following:**

- Invites the Secretary General to further consider the issue and to table procedural and implementation proposals in this regard, with a view to submitting them to the coming sessions of the Executive Council and General Conference.

**Decision FUIW/E.C.10/2005/ D. 4.1**



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**Decision on Item 4.1 of the Agenda**  
**(Date and Venue of the Eleventh Session of the Executive Council)**

**N°: FUIW/E.C. 10/2005/D. 4.1**

**The Executive Council,**

- In compliance with Article (10) of the Rules of Procedure of the Federation's Executive Council;
- Considering the kind invitation extended by the President of Islamic Azad University in the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Chancellor of the University of Sharjah in the State of the United Arab Emirates to host the coming session of the Council ;

**Decides the following:**

- Entrusts the Secretary General to convene the Eleventh Session of the Council in March 2006, in coordination and in consultation with the Member States.