

Islamic Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization

- ISESCO-

NINTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**FINAL REPORT**

## Final Report

1. The Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) held its ninth session in Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, from 27 to 30 Rabii I 1409H/7-10 November, 1988. All members of the Council participated in the proceedings of this session, except the representative of the Gambia. It was also attended by the representative of the Minister of Education of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Chairman of the second General Conference, a representative of the OIC Secretary General, as well as the Chairman and the Rapporteur of ISESCO's Financial Control Committee (annex 1).

### Opening Session

2. The Opening Session was chaired by His Excellency Mr. Thouqan Hindawi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; it was attended by a number of members of the diplomatic missions of Member States accredited to Amman as well as many scholars and thinkers.
3. After recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an, the Chairman of the Executive Council and representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Excellency Professor Muhammad Ibn Ahmad Al-Othaimine delivered an opening address in which he thanked the King, Government and people of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to participants. He also thanked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education for kindly chairing the Opening Session of the ninth Executive Council, and welcomed new Executive Council members.
4. Subsequently, the Director General of ISESCO, His Excellency Prof. Abdelhadi Boutaleb, delivered a speech in which he thanked His Majesty King Hussein, his honourable Government and noble people for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to participants and for the efforts made to ensure the success of the session. He then moved on to describe the notable progress achieved by ISESCO in fulfilling its noble mission in spite of the obstacles with which it was confronted. In this respect, His Excellency referred to a basic item on the agenda of the ninth session of the Executive Council concerning the situation of ISESCO six years after its inception and said that the General Directorate had sent letters to Member States on the subject and asked them to express their views on the future of the Organization as clearly as possible, adding that ISESCO was at a crossroads, and expected more support to enable it to fulfill its mission as its founders had meant to. He further added that the honourable Council was the body which

was best aware of the actual state of the Organization, and that consideration of this highly sensitive item would help determine the future of ISESCO.

His Excellency also raised the question of coordination within the OIC system and the resulting overlapping and duplication of work and waste of financial resources which all impede the re-organization of Bait-Al-Islam in the fields of education, science and culture.

His Excellency then reviewed the programmes implemented within the framework of the three-year Plan of Action for 1405-1408H/1985-1988, and outlined the coming three-year Action Plan 1408-1411H/1988-1991 (annex 2).

5. Subsequently, His Excellency Mr. Thouqan Hindawi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education delivered a speech in which he welcomed the Executive Council members and expressed his happiness at the hosting of the ninth session of the Executive Council and the third General Conference by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, wishing full success to these two important events in the existence of the Islamic Organization. He then commended the efforts of the Director General of ISESCO, his wise management of its affairs and the measures he has taken to tackle the problems with which it was confronted, particularly as regards the lack of financial resources. He also called on Member States to honour their commitments to enable ISESCO to carry out its mission fully, and to remove the contradiction between the enthusiastic signing of ISESCO's Charter and the failure to pay contributions to ISESCO's budget.

He then moved on to the draft of the future Action Plan and praised the recommendation of the Executive Council concerning the allotment of a budget for the coming action plan equal to that of the proceeding Action Plan, increased by 5% to make up for inflation (annex 3).

### **First working session**

6. The first working session was held in the morning of Monday 27 Rabii I 1409H / 7 November 1988. At the beginning of the session, the Council Chairman welcomed new Council members.
7. The Credentials Committee, composed of the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of Chad and the Kingdom of Morocco, convened to examine Council members' credentials and approved the membership of the following new members:
  - the representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Dr. Munther Wassif Masri;

- the representative of the Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Nooreddin Almassod;
- the representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, prof. Muhammad Ibn Ahmad Al-Othaimine.

8. The Chairman of the Executive Council then submitted the draft agenda for discussion. The agenda was approved (annex 4).

### **Second working session**

9. The second working session was held in the afternoon of Monday 27 Rabii I 1409 H/ 7 November 1988. Executive Council members heard the report of the Director General of ISESCO on the activities of ISESCO in the period between the second and the third sessions of the General Conference. After discussing it, the Council adopted it, and recommended that the General Directorate take note of the observations made about it by some Council members. The Council expressed thanks and appreciation to the Director General and his assistants for their efforts (annex 5).

10. The Executive Council decided to call this ninth Council session the "Session of the Intifada of the Palestinian People", in solidarity with the just struggle of the Palestinian people for self-determination.

11. The Council then moved to examine the financial situation of the Organization. His Excellency the Director General presented a summary of the financial report (document CG/III/CC/87-88). After he gave an explanatory statement of receipts and expenditure for 1987/88, he pointed out that until November 7, 1988 only 13 Member States out of 37 had paid their contributions namely, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the State of Bahrain, the Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Republic of Tunisia, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Senegal, Malaysia, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and the Yemen Arab Republic. His Excellency the Director General pointed out that other Member States had pledged to pay their contributions in the near future, including the Republic of Guinea, the State of Kuwait, the State of Qatar and the Republic of Mali. In this statement, His Excellency the Director General pointed out that whereas a number of Islamic countries do not honour their commitments towards ISESCO, none of them fail to honour their obligation towards other international organizations.

12. Concerning The financial policy of ISESCO, His Excellency the Director General stressed that ISESCO would pursue the course it had set for itself, which consists in reducing overhead expenditure and equipment costs, and giving priority to the implementation of programmes; as a result, programme-related expenses reached their highest level in 1987- 88, namely 64.58% and

even went up by 30/9/88 to 80.89%. Furthermore, the Director General pointed out that expenditure exceeded receipts, a fact which led the General Directorate, at times, to resort to the Reserve Fund to cover the resulting deficit. The situation will become even more critical, he added, as a result of the lack of a budget for the period between July 1<sup>st</sup> 1988 and the beginning of the new financial year, which is due to start after the budget is adopted by the General Conference.

13. Subsequently, the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee read out a summary of the report prepared by the Financial Control Committee in its annual meeting, held from 10 to 29 August 1988 in Rabat (Document N° CG/III/88/ RCCF 86/87 and 87/88). He laid special emphasis on the marked progress in the implementation of programmes during the period concerned, and reviewed the most important recommendations made by the financial Control Committee to the Executive Council.

### **Third working session**

14. The Executive Council held its third working session in the morning of Tuesday 28 Rabi' I 1409/November 8, 1988 and resumed discussion of the recommendations of the Financial Control Committee.
15. The Council adopted Recommendation N° 1 of the Financial Control Committee which urges Member States to pay their contributions to ISESCO's budget. The Council decided to submit the following recommendation to the third General Conference:

"Having apprised itself of the report of the Financial Control Committee, the Executive Council expresses concern about the failure of certain Member States to pay their shares to the budget of the Organization, a fact which hinders the activities of the Organization;

Considering the essential role played by ISESCO in safeguarding and promoting Islamic values;

Considering the great work undertaken by the Organization during the past six years, as embodied in the valuable services rendered to Member States in the fields of education, science, culture and information;

Considering the importance that this Organization presents for the future of the Islamic World, in terms of carrying on its noble mission and realizing in full its programmes as provided for in the 1988-1991 three-year Plan of Action;

It strongly urges Member States who have not yet paid arrears to do so as soon as possible, and authorizes the Director General to consult with Member States, whenever the need arises, on the possibility of working out a time

schedule for settling arrears, as agreed between the parties concerned in a spirit of mutual Islamic understanding;

The Council submits this situation to the General Conference and calls on it to take the necessary measures in order to induce the Member States concerned to pay their arrears" (annex 6).

- 16.** Concerning the Committee's Recommendation n° 2 on "Laying down financial estimates for programmes and activities in the light of the actual financial situation of ISESCO", the Council considers that the General Directorate should pursue the policy recommended by the Council at its seventh session held in Rabat in 1407H/1986 and schedule the programmes of the Plan of Action according to priorities established in the light of the financial resources available to the Organization.
- 17.** Concerning Recommendation N° 3 of the Committee on consolidation of the accounting section of ISESCO by recruiting new employees, one of whom would be entrusted with daily internal auditing, the Council recommended to continue the present ISESCO procedure of entrusting daily internal auditing to an advisory committee, to train one staff member from the Accounting Service in order to enhance his competence, and, if necessary, to use the services of an additional staff member whose salary and allowances would be paid by any Member State that would recruit him for the purpose of auditing.
- 18.** The Council adopted Recommendation N° 4 of the Committee which calls for regular payment by ISESCO of its 6% contribution to the End-of-Service Allowance Fund as well as payment of the Organization's arrears which stand at US\$ 79, 999.58 to enable the Committee entrusted with running the Fund to keep separate accounts and submit an annual report on the activities of the Fund.
- 19.** After discussing Recommendation N° 5 of the Committee, the Executive Council recommended to the Director General to carry out as soon as possible a study taking account of the actual standard of living of the seat-country, the work requirements and administration hierarchy, and to define in the light of the above considerations, ceilings for the expenses of the Director General and the Deputy Directors General in connection with budget items specified in Recommendation n° 5 of the Financial Control Committee. The Director General is to implement temporarily the necessary measures that will result from this study until the Executive Council takes a final decision thereon in its tenth session.
- 20.** The Council approved recommendations n° 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Committee (annex 7).

21. Concerning the appointment of an audit company, the Council agreed to terminate the services of the Price Waterhouse Company and to sign a contract with the Audigroup Company on the understanding that the Director General provide the next session of the Council with additional information on the new company, its competence and on the fact that it belongs to the Islamic World (annex 8).

#### **Fourth working session**

22. The Executive Council held its fourth working session in the afternoon of Tuesday 28 Rabii I 1409H/November 8, 1988 and discussed the draft three-year Plan of Action of ISESCO for 1408-1411/1988-1991. The Council heard the Director General's presentation of the project and took note of the modifications introduced in the draft by the General Directorate in the light of the recommendation of the eighth session of the Executive Council in terms of keeping ISESCO's budget equal to the previous one, with a 5% increase a year to make up for inflation. Council members made numerous observations on the preparation of the draft Plan of Action and the implementation of programmes. Following the discussion, the Council recommended the adoption of the three-year Plan of Action and the related budget, and requested the Director General to take account, during the implementation of programmes, of the observations made by Council members in the ninth Council session (annex 9).

23. His Excellency the Director General made a statement on the legal implications of paragraph 3, Article 12 of the Charter concerning extension of the mandate of Council members. The Council decided to leave it to the General Conference to take action on this question. His Excellency the Director General recalled that he would submit to the General Conference a memorandum on this question, including possible procedural solutions to overcome difficulties.

24. After discussing paragraph 5, article 12 of the Charter, the Council noted that the said paragraph does not specify the term of office of Deputy Directors General and decided that there was no need for any further consideration in this regard.

#### **Fifth working session**

25. The Executive Council held its fifth session in the morning of Wednesday 29 Rabiii I 1409H/November 9, 1988 and discussed the proposed amendments to the Charter put forward by the General Directorate. Upon discussing these draft amendments, the Council approved them as submitted in Doc. N° CG/III/88/CO and recommended to the General Conference to adopt them (annex 10).

As for the amendments proposed by some Member States to the Charter, the Council postponed their consideration till the tenth Council session in view of the fact that the said proposals were not submitted within the time prescribed in Article 20 of the Charter.

26. The Council apprised itself of the adjustments it had recommended, in its eighth session, to introduce into the draft amendments to some of the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference; upon discussion of the question, the Council recommended to the General Conference to adopt the proposed amendments as presented in the enclosed document (annex 11).
27. The Council also apprised itself of the adjustments it had recommended, in its eighth session, to introduce into the draft amendments of some of the provisions of the Financial Regulations of ISESCO; upon discussion of the draft amendments, the Council recommended the General Conference to adopt the proposed amendments as presented in the enclosed document (annex 12).

### **Sixth working session**

28. The Council held its sixth working session in the afternoon of Wednesday 29 Rabi' I 1409H/November 9, 1988 and examined the draft amendments to the Observer Status Regulations. Upon hearing the Director General's presentation of the above-mentioned document and the reasons for the proposed amendments and upon discussion, the Council approved the proposed amendments as presented in the enclosed document (CG/III/88/SO) and recommended their adoption by the General Conference (annex 13).
29. The Council heard the Director General's presentation of the Head-quarters Convention between the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco on the privileges and immunities granted to ISESCO in the seat-country, which was signed in Rabat on 19 Rabi' I 1409H/October 31, 1988. The Council expressed thanks and appreciation to the Kingdom of Morocco for supporting the Organization and signing this Convention and recommended that it be endorsed by the General Conference and that a message of thanks and appreciation be sent to His Majesty the King of Morocco (annex 14).
30. The Council heard the Director General's presentation of ISESCO's Organizational Chart which had been communicated to the Member States to make observations on it in accordance with a recommendation of the Council in its eighth session. The General Directorate received observations from only three Member States on the subject. Upon extensive discussion of the question, the Council decided to postpone consideration of this item, and requested the Director General to urge the rest of Member States to communicate their observations on the Organizational Chart. The Council set up a committee composed of the current representatives of the following

Member States in the Council: Jordan, Pakistan, Senegal, Comoro Islands, Kuwait, Malaysia and the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee (Decision C.E./9/88/ODG) (annex 15).

31. The Council then considered the draft agenda of the Third General Conference which was submitted by the General Directorate. Upon discussing it, the Council adopted it as presented in the enclosed document and recommended to the General Conference to approve it (annex 16).
32. The Council decided to hold its Tenth Session at ISESCO's Headquarters during the first week of September 1989.
33. In solidarity with the Palestinian people the Council agreed on a draft decision on "the Intifadha of the Palestinian people" and the situation of schools and cultural institutions in occupied Palestine (Decision N° C.E/9/88/Palestine) (annex 17). Then the representative of Palestine made a moving statement in which he thanked the Council for its solidarity with the Palestinian people and requested the Council to express thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Prof. Abdelhadi Boutaleb, Director General of ISESCO, who has run the Organization wisely and sagaciously in spite of the difficult situation it has gone through (annex 18).

The Council expressed thanks and consideration to the Director General and his assistants for the commendable efforts made in the implementation of programmes (decision n°C.E/9/88/HDG) (annex 19).

#### **Seventh working session**

34. The Executive Council held the seventh working session in the morning of Thursday 30 Rabii I 1409H/November 10, 1988 to discuss and adopt the Final Report and the Recommendations.
35. The Executive Council expressed its profound sorrow and affliction at the loss of H.E. the late Muhammad Zia-Ul-Haq, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, who was committed to the solidarity of the Muslim Ummah and who worked towards its progress and development (Recommendation C.E./9/88/Z.H.) (annex 20).
36. In appreciation for the lofty care and solicitude extended by His Gracious Majesty the Monarch of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the ninth Council session and the measures taken by his Government to ensure that the Council hold its ninth session in the best possible conditions, the Executive Council expressed to His Majesty King Hussein the deep satisfaction and gratitude of its members for the facilities which have constantly been provided to them and for the warm and brotherly welcome extended to them. The Council addressed a message of thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Hussein (annex 21).

**37.** At the close of the session, His Excellency Mr. Muhammad Ibn Ahmad Al-Othaimine, representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, expressed his thanks and appreciation to all the members of the Executive Council for their cooperation and earnest endeavours to ensure the development and consolidation for the Organization. He further expressed his deep appreciation and thanks for the continued action undertaken by the Director General in running the Organization and for the good preparation of this Council session.

**Recommendation Concerning the report of the Director General  
on the activities of the organization between the second  
and third general Conference**

- Referring to articles 11 and 12 of the Charter and article 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
- Having apprised itself of the activities of the Organization as part of implementing the three-year Plan of Action 1405-1408H/1985-1988, and considering development prospects for Islamic countries in the fields of education, science and culture,
- Taking into account the convincing and highly positive results obtained by the Director General during the three-year period,
- Given Council debate on the question,

**The Executive Council:**

1. adopts the report of the Director General on the activities of the Organization as part of implementing the three-year Plan of Action 1405-1408H/1985-1988,
2. recommends to the General Conference to approve the said Report.
3. Pays tribute to the Director General for the praiseworthy efforts he made to ensure the implementation of the programmes of the three-year Plan of Action for 1405-1408H/1985-1988,

**Recommendation on Making an Appeal to the General Conference to take the necessary measures to ensure that Member States pay their contributions to ISESCO's budget**

- Having heard the Director General's Financial Report,
- Having apprised itself of the contributions received for 1985-1988,
- Considering the Recommendation of the Financial Control Committee on the subject,
- Considering the essential role played by ISESCO in safeguarding and promoting Islamic values,
- Considering the major work undertaken by the Organization during the past six years, as embodied in the valuable services rendered to Member States in the fields of education, science, culture and information,
- Considering the importance of this Organization for the future of the Islamic World, and of the noble mission it is entrusted with and in order to enable it to fully implement its programmes under the 1408-1411H/1988-1991 three-year Plan of Action,
- Having discussed the negative effects resulting from failure of some Member States to pay their contributions to ISESCO's budget as well as from delayed payment of those contributions,

**The Executive Council:**

- Considers with concern the failure of some Member States to pay their contributions to ISESCO's budget, a fact which hindered the activities of the Organization.
- Draws the attention of the General Conference to this reality and insists that it should take the appropriate measures to ensure that the Member States concerned pay their arrears.

### **Recommendation on the Financial Statement for the Period from July 1987 to June 1988**

- Referring to Articles 16,17,18 and 19 of the Charter, Articles 14,15,19, 20,24,25,26, and 29 of the Financial Regulations, and Article 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having apprised itself of the document submitted to it on the financial statement and the expenditure incurred out of the budget allocated for the period from July 1987 to June 1988 (document N°CG III/88/CC/1987-1988),
- Having apprised itself of the Price Waterhouse report on the financial situation of ISESCO for financial year 1986-1987 (document N° CG.III/88/RPW/1986-1987),
- Having apprised itself of the report of the Financial Control Committee of ISESCO on financial years 1986-1987 and 1987-1988 (document N° CG.III/88/R.C.C.F/1986-1987/1987-1988),
- Having heard the clarifications given by the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee,
- And given the discussions held in Council session,

#### **The Executive Council:**

1. Takes note of the documents submitted to it.
2. Requests the Director General to schedule the programmes of the Plan Action according to priorities to be implemented in the light of the financial resources available to ISESCO.
3. Requests the General Directorate to keep entrusting internal financial control to an advisory committee and to train a staff member of the accounting section in order to enhance his competence.
4. Requests the Director General to pay regularly the contribution of ISESCO into the End-of-Service Allowance Fund in order to enable the Committee in charge of the Fund to keep its accounts and to submit an annual report on the activities of the Fund.

5. Approves recommendations 6,7,8,9 and 10 of the Financial Control Committee included in its report on the two financial years 1986-87 and 1987-1988.
6. Requests the Director General to carry out a study as soon as possible, taking into account the standard of living in the seat country, work requirements as well as the administrative hierarchy, and to define in the light of the above considerations expenditure ceilings for the Director General and the Deputy Directors General in accordance with recommendation n°5 of the Financial Control Committee, and to implement temporarily the necessary measures resulting from this study, until a final decision thereon is made by the Executive Council.
7. Recommends to the General Conference to adopt the enclosed documents.

### **Decision on Appointment of an Audit Company**

- Referring to the provisions of Article 20 of the Financial Regulations,
- Considering the Financial Control Committee's recommendation N°8 in its 1987-88 Report (Document CG.III/88/RCCF/86-87 and 87-88), and,
- Considering the proposal of the Director General of the Organization,

#### **The Executive Council:**

Appoints the Audigroup company to carry out auditing activities and requests the Director General to provide the Council at its next session with further information on the above company, on its reliability, and on the fact that it belongs to the Islamic World.

**Recommendation on  
the Draft Programmes of Three-year Plan of Action  
and the Related Budget 1408-1411H/1988-1991**

- In accordance with articles 4,5,11,12 and 18 of the Charter and article 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having apprised itself of the draft programmes of the three-year Plan of Action 1408-1411H/1988-1991 (document N°CG.III/88/P.A)
- And in reference to the recommendation issued by the Executive Council at its eighth session in connection with the draft programmes of the three-year Plan of Action and related budget (document C.E/8/87/P.A/B),
- And considering the deliberations of the Council,

**The Executive Council:**

1. Takes note of the amendments introduced by the General Directorate into the draft programmes of the 1408-1411H/1988-1991 three-year Plan of Action in accordance with the set priorities and the need to reduce expenditure as recommended by the Executive Council at its eighth session;
2. recommends that the General Conference adopt the draft programmes of the three-year Plan of Action as presented in the enclosed documents; and
3. requests the Director General to take into consideration the observations put forward by the members of the Executive Council at the ninth session in connection with implementation of programmes.

**Recommendation on  
Amendment of the Charter**

- In accordance with article 20 of the Charter and,
- Considering Article 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
- Having apprised itself of document N° CG.III/88/ACO,
- Considering the deliberations in Council session,

**The Executive Council:**

Recommends that the General Conference approve the amendments contained in the enclosed document.

**Recommendation on  
Amendment of the Rules of Procedure  
of the General Conference**

- Considering article 11 and 12 of the Charter,
- Considering article 20 (g) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having apprised itself of document N° CE/8/87/RCG concerning amendment of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, and of the adjustments introduced by the General Directorate into this document,
- Considering the discussions held in Council session,

**The Executive Council:**

Recommends to the General Conference to adopt the amendments presented in the enclosed document N°CE/9/88/RCG.

**Recommendation on  
Amendment of the Financial Regulations**

- In accordance with the provisions of Articles 12,16,17,18 and 19 of the Charter, of article 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, and of articles 30 and 31 of the Financial Regulations,
- Referring to recommendation CE.8/87/RF of the Executive Council at its eighth session,
- Having examined the amendments to the Financial Regulations proposed by the Director General of ISESCO,
- Following the deliberations on the subject,

**The Executive Council:**

Recommends to the General Conference to adopt the amendments specified in the enclosed document (N° CG.III/88/RF).

**Recommendation on  
Amendment of the Observer Status Regulations  
at ISESCO**

- In accordance with the provisions of article 7 of the Charter,
- Considering the document on Observer Status at ISESCO adopted by the second General Conference,
- Having apprised itself of the amendments proposed by the Director General on defining observer categories,

**The Executive Council:**

Recommends the adoption by the General Conference of the proposals contained in document CE.9/88/SO.

**Recommendation on  
the Headquarters convention between  
the Islamic Organization and the Government  
of the Kingdom of Morocco**

- In accordance with articles 2 and 8 of ISESCO's Charter,
- Having apprised itself of the text of the convention signed by the Director General of ISESCO and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco on the privileges and immunities granted to ISESCO in the seat-country,
- Considering the deliberations of the Council,

**The Executive Council:**

1. Expresses thanks and appreciation to the Kingdom of Morocco for signing the Convention.
2. Recommends to the General Conference to endorse the Convention between the Islamic Organization and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, and to send a message of thanks to His Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco.

### **Decision on the Organizational Chart of the General Directorate**

- In accordance with the provisions of articles 11 and 12 of the Charter and the provisions of article 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- With reference to Recommendation N° C.E.8/87/ODG issued by the Council at its eighth session,
- Having apprised itself of Member States' comments on the document N° CG.III/88/ODG submitted by the General Directorate,
- Considering the Council's conviction of the importance of this question,
- Considering the discussions in Council Session,

#### **The Executive Council:**

- Postpones consideration of the Organizational Chart of the General Directorate until the tenth Council session.
- Requests the Director General to urge Member States to send their comments on the Organizational Chart of the General Directorate.
- Decides to set up a committee to consider the matter. It shall be composed of the representatives of Jordan (Dr. Munther Wassif Masri), Pakistan (Dr. S.M. Qureshi), Senegal (Dr. Iba Der Thiam), Comoro Islands (Mr. Mohamed Hassan), Kuwait (Mr. Suleiman Abdallah AL-Unaizi), Malaysia (Tan Sri Haji Abdul Rahman Arshad) and the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee (Mr. Abdoulaye Keita). The Committee shall convene a week before the tenth session of the Executive Council and shall submit a report to the Council

**Decision on the  
Educational and Cultural Institutions  
in the Israeli-Occupied Palestinian Territories**

- Recalling the principles and objectives of ISESCO's Charter, which provide in particular, for the protection of Islamic heritage, supporting Member States in the educational, scientific and cultural fields, helping them in their struggle against illiteracy, and to ensure the upbringing of Muslim people in accordance with the principles of justice, liberty and peace,
- Recalling the 1949 fourth Geneva Convention, the Hague Convention and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
- Having apprised itself of the dramatic educational and cultural conditions of the Arab people of Palestine in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories,
- Taking note of the extremely precarious situation of the educational institutions and of educators in the occupied Arab territories of Palestine as a result of the loss of human lives and repeated and continuing closure of Palestine educational institutions during the preceding academic year and the current year, as well as the measures of administrative detention taken against students, pupils and workers, in addition to measures of exclusion and other forms of denying the right to education and to cultural identity,
- Having taken note of the resolutions and appeals of UN General Assembly and UNESCO condemning the brutal violations of human rights and the despotic practices perpetrated against Palestinian institutions, students and workers,
- Having noted with concern the stubborn determination of the Israeli occupation forces to escalate their inhuman practices, in violation of human rights in general, and of Palestinian rights in particular,

**The Executive Council:**

- Calls upon the General Conference of the Islamic Organization and the Member States of the Islamic Organization –ISESCO- to make every effort with all international institutions to get them to condemn the arbitrary practices of the Israeli occupation authorities, and pressure these authorities with a view to compelling them to put a final end to such practices and to licence the re-opening without delay of all educational institutions which were closed down by a military order, and to refrain from whatever action may hamper the normal functioning of these institutions exclusively under the jurisdiction of their own administrative and educational authorities and

form whatever action under whatever excuse to distort or alter the essential educational character of these institutions.

- Calls on the Director General:

- To carry on efforts with international and regional organizations so that they may take action with a view to deterring Israel from any further arbitrary acts against Palestinians and their institutions,
- To assess the needs of educational institutions in the occupied Palestinian territories and to give top priority to these institutions in the implementation of the Organization's programmes,
- To contact governments and bodies concerned with a view to collecting contributions in order to respond to the educational needs of these institutions and to secure scholarships for the benefit of students from the occupied Palestinian territories,
- To communicate the text of this decision to international, Islamic and Arab organizations,
- Proposes to introduce this question as an agenda item of the third General Conference of ISESCO.

**Decision**  
**Commending the Efforts made by His Excellency**  
**Professor Abdelhadi Boutaleb, Director General of the Organization**

- As it values the efforts made by the Director General to achieve the objectives of ISESCO since its inception, the accomplishment made in the implementation of the programmes of ISESCO's Plans of Action in the face of financial difficulties, and the Director General's continued rationalization of expenditure and search for various ways of facilitating the the fulfillment of ISESCO's mission, the latest instance of which being the Headquarters Convention signed by ISESCO and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco which will give a fresh start to ISESCO,

**The Executive Council:**

Expresses thanks and appreciation to the Director General for his continued endeavours and commends the Director General for his wise management, administration and promotion of ISESCO and it thanks all ISESCO staff members and encourages them to continue discharging their duties with the dedication and loyalty which characterize the Muslim individual.

**Recommendation**  
**Concerning the late President General**  
**Mohammad ZIA-UL-HAQ of Pakistan**

- Shocked over the tragic loss of one of the great benefactors and guiding spirits of ISESCO and a highly esteemed leader of the Islamic World, the late President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, General Muhammad Zia-Ul-Haq;
- Considering the tremendous contributions made by him to the cause of Islamic renaissance and solidarity, and to the establishment and growth of Islamic organizations and institutions particularly of ISESCO during its formative and critical years;

The Executive Council of ISESCO convening in its ninth session recommends that the third General Conference place on record its deep grief and sorrow and pray Allah that may the departed soul of the late President Muhammad Zia-Ul-Haq rest in eternal peace and may his bereaved family, the people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and his friends all over the Islamic World bear the loss with fortitude and courage.

The Council further recommends that copies of the Decision may be sent to the family of the late President and to the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.