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Final Report



1- The Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization held its 13th session in Rabat, capital-city of the Kingdom of Morocco, from 27 Jumada I – 1 Jumada II 1413H (23-27 November 1992). Attending this session were the representatives of the Member States in the Executive Council, with the exception of the representatives of the following countries: the Republic of Azerbaijan, the State of the United Arab Emirates, the People's Republic of Benin, the Democratic Republic of Somalia and the Republic of Guinea Bissau. (Annex 1: List of attending Council members).

The 13th session of the Executive Council constitutes the first regular session convened between the Fourth and Fifth General Conference sessions, in which the Council is meeting in its new composition, following the adoption by the Fourth General Conference of the principle of expanding the membership of the Council to all Member States of the Organization.

Opening session: Monday morning, 27 Jumada I 1413H / 23 November 1992

2- The opening session was chaired by Mr. Lamine Karama, Chairman of the Executive Council. The session was attended by H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of the Organization, and the representative of Dr Taïeb Chkili, the Minister of National Education and Chairman of the Fourth session of the General Conference. The session was also attended by H.E. Pr. Abdelhadi Boutaleb, Adviser to the Moroccan Sovereign, His Majesty king Hassan II, in addition to several senior officials in the Moroccan Government, the members of the Islamic Diplomatic Corps accredited to Rabat, the representative of the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic conference, the representatives of a number of international and regional organizations and host of scholars and thinkers.

3- The session was opened with a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. His Excellency Mr. Lamine Kamara, Chairman of the Executive Council and representative of the Republic of Guinea then delivered an address in which he welcomed the participants and commanded the support provided to the Organization by the Moroccan Sovereign, His Majesty King Hassan II as well as by the members of his Government, particularly H.E. Dr Taïeb Chkili, the Minister of National Education and Chairman of the Fourth session of the General Conference. He also welcomed the representatives of the two new States which joined the Organization, namely the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Mr. Lamine Karama stated that the new phase of ISESCO's activity indicated that the Organization was experiencing a new era of greater efficiency, higher performance and stronger impact on overall development in the Islamic world, adding that this would enable ISESCO to pursue its role in the promotion of education, science and culture within the

Muslim Ummah as well as in the Development of the endogenous capabilities of the Ummah while opening up on the modern world in preparation for the requirements of the next century.

The Chairman of the Executive Council pointed out the importance of this session, given the issues to be considered and the reports to be discussed. He lauded the efforts made by H.E. the Director General which led to particularly important results such as the increase in the Organization's financial resources, the renewed confidence of Member States in the Organization's mission and further assertion of its international standing. (Annex 2: Address by H.E. the Chairman of the Executive Council).

4- On behalf of H.E. Dr. Taïeb Chkili, Minister of Education in the Government of Kingdom of Morocco and Chairman of the Fourth session of the General Conference, Mr Abdulkarim Halim, Director of the Minister's Cabinet, made an address in which he indicated that H.E. the Minister could not attend the opening session due to circumstances beyond his control. He then welcomed Council members on behalf of His Majesty's Government and pointed out that this session was held in a new context, marked in particular by the launching of the three-year Action Plan and of the Medium-term Plan 1991-2000, and the election of the new Director General of the Organization. He also praised the efforts made by the new Director General, H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri in the management of the Organization and expressed his appreciation on the Director General for his earnestness and determination to complete the commendable efforts made by the former Director General, H.E. Pr. Abdelhadi Boutaleb, who had laid down the foundations of the Organization and consolidated its infrastructure. He added that this session's agenda teemed with important items relating to administrative issues and to the implementation of the Organization's programmes. He also reaffirmed his country's support to the Organization and to the promotion of Islamic solidarity. (Annex 3: Address of His Excellency the Chairman of the Fourth session of the General Conference).

5- His Excellency Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, delivered an address in which he welcomed participants, particularly Pr. Abdelhadi Boutaleb, Adviser to the Moroccan Sovereign His Majesty King Hassan II, and thanked His Majesty for the outstanding care taken in the Islamic Organization.

He welcomed the members of the Executive Council and also the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Azerbaijan, he then addressed the achievements accomplished by the Organization in the period between the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of its Executive Council. He indicated that the Action Plan was implemented in accordance with the priorities set, bearing in mind Member States' needs and geographical distribution. He indicated that the Action Plan also aimed at renewing communication channels with Member States so as to take cognizance of their perception of the Organization's mission in achieving cultural unity, educational complementarity, scientific coordination, consolidation of noble values in addition to ensuring the harmonious, complementary development of Man, who is the cornerstone in the advancement and progress of nations.

His Excellency highlighted the Organization's major responsibility in terms of cultural unity and intellectual solidarity among Member States. At the end of his address, he paid tribute to the Moroccan Sovereign His Majesty King Hassan II for his support to the Organization and to His Highness Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Al Nahyan, President of the State of the United Arab Emirates for his generous offer to finance the construction of the

Organization's new Headquarters. (Annex 4: address by His Excellency the Director General of the Islamic Organization).

6- Dr Gholam Ali Afrooz, Deputy Minister of Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran, delivered an address in which he expressed his pleasure at attending this session and the pride taken by his country in joining the Islamic Organization as a full-fledged member. He reaffirmed the readiness of the Islamic Republic of Iran to support the mission of the Organization and reinforce joint Islamic action, and thanked the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for the sustained support provided to the Islamic Organization in order to enable it to accomplish its educational, scientific and cultural mission. (Annex5: Address by H.E. the Deputy Minister of Education of the Islamic Republic of Iran).

7- Council members visited an exhibition of the publications of the Islamic Organization and another of Arabic calligraphy and Islamic ornamentation.

Item 1.1: Adoption of the draft Agenda

Doc. CE 13/92/1.1 provisional (Rev.)

8- After discussion of the draft Agenda and approval of its items, it was decided to add the following two items:

- 1- Consideration of the question of postponement or canceling of the Special Session of the General Conference.
- 2- Solidarity with suffering children throughout the world, particularly children of the Islamic Ummah.

The Agenda was adopted in its final version.

Decision on item 1.1 of the Agenda (Decision CE 13/92/D1.1)

Adoption of the Agenda

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Articles 22 through 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having taken cognizance of the draft Agenda contained in document C.E. 13/92/1.1 provisional (Rev.),
- Considering the deliberation which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- Adopts its Agenda as presented in document C.E. 13/92/1.1 adopted. (Annex 6: Agenda)

Item 1.2: Adoption of the draft Programme

Doc. CE 13/92/1.2 provisional (Rev.)

9- After consideration of the Draft Programme of the Executive Council, two new items were added and the programme was amended as follows: from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., taking into consideration prayer times and coffee-breaks; the Programme of the Executive Council was then adopted.

Decision on item 1.2 of the Agenda (Decision CE 13/92/D1.2)

Adoption of the Programme of the Executive Council

The Executive Council,

- Recalling the Decision adopted by the Council at its procedural session held on 30 November 1991, which calls for holding the 13th Council session in Rabat prior to convening the formerly scheduled special session of the General Conference.
- Taking into consideration Member States' approval to cancel the said special session of the General Conference,
- Considering further the approval of Council members to hold the 13th Council session in Rabat from 23-27 November 1992,
- Having adopted its Agenda contained in document C.E. 13/92/1.1 adopted, having taken cognizance of document C.E. 13/92/1.2 provisional (Rev.),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place.

Decides the following:

- Adopts the programme on organisation of the proceeding of its 13th session as presenting in document C.E. 13/92/1.2 adopted. (Annex 7: Programme of Executive Council's proceedings).

Second working session: Monday afternoon, 27 Jumada I 1413H / 23 November 1992

Item 1.2: Report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the 12th and 13th Council sessions

Doc. CE 13/92/2.1 (Rev.)

10- The director General reviewed the guidelines of the activities of the Organization between the 12th and 13th Council sessions, particularly the implemented programmes, which were carried out in a satisfactory and promising manner.

The Council then considered the report and expressed appreciation for the activities accomplished. The observations of Council members were as follows:

- Consider the possibility of printing, publishing and translating university research papers and studies on Islamic culture and civilization.
- Provide Member States with the cooperation agreements that the Organization has concluded with other international and Islamic organizations and institutions.
- Supply Member States with copies of the Organization's publications.
- Support the idea of publishing a magazine on the child's culture.
- Consider alternative, feasible programmes in case adopted programmes of the present Action plan prove to be impossible to implement.
- Pay greater attention to programmes on teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers and facilitate the learning of Arabic in Member States and within Islamic communities.
- Invite the Director General to visit Member States with a view to expounding the Organization's noble mission and goals as well as its current financial situation.
- Consider the possibility of including in the report the actual cost of the activities carried out by the Organization. The number of beneficiaries as well as the problems and difficulties met by the General Director in order to overcome them.

After the discussions, the Council decided to adopt the said report and expressed appreciation for the efforts expanded by the Director General in implementing the programmes. It further called on him to pursue and set up those efforts in order to consolidate the Organization's role at international level and improve its relations with Member States.

Decision on item 2.1 of the Agenda: Report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the 12th and 13th Council sessions (Decision CE 13/92/D 2.1)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article 20, parag. "d" of the Rules of Procedure of the Council,
- Having taken cognizance of document C.E 13-92/2.1 (Rev.), which contains the Report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the 12th and 13th Council Sessions,
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General and his assistants,
- Taking into consideration the nature of the new phase into which the Organization has entered,
- Considering the deliberation which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- 1- Adopts the Report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the 12th and 13th Council sessions, contained in document C.E. 13/92/2.1 (Rev.), and agrees to refer the said report to the General Conference for adoption,

- 2- Requests the Director General to take into account the comments given by Council members,
- 3- Commends the efforts made by the Director General in implementing the Organization's programmes, managing its affairs, emphasizing and highlighting its role at international level and consolidating its relations with Member States, and invites him to pursue and step up his efforts in this respect.

Item 2.2: Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1991-1992

Doc. C.E. 13/92/2.2 Amended

11- The Council resumed its activities and considered the document on the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1991-1992. The Director General made a brief presentation on the results of the financial year ending 30 June 1992, in items of income and expenditure. He indicated that the closing accounts were presented in two parts: the first one concerned the first semester of the financial year (July 1st – December 31st, 1991) and was part of the implementation of the previous three-year Action Plan 1988-1991, and the second part deals with the second semester of the same year (January 1st – June 30th, 1992) and was part of the implementation of the new three-year Action Plan 1991-1994.

As regards income, the Director General pointed out the significant improvement in the collection rate during the second semester of the financial year, although the pace of contribution settlement did not rise up to the required level likely to provide the Organization with all working means. As regards expenditures, the Director General indicated that the bulk of outlays was devoted to the Action Plan, with 72.40% of total expenditures, whereas expenditure on the remaining items represented a mere 27.60% of total expenditure and concerned salaries of administrative staff, operating costs and equipment.

Third working session: Tuesday morning, 28 Jumada I 1413H / 24 November 1992

Item 2.2 (continued): Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1991-1992

Doc. C.E. 13/92/2.2 Rev.

12- The Council resumed consideration of the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1991-1992. The General Directorate provided the necessary clarifications regarding some questions raised by Council members. Discussion then focused on the following matters:

- Reasons for discontinuation of the Financial Control Committee's activities during Financial Year 1991-1992;
- Necessity to assess the financial performance of the Organization in the light of programme implementation results;

- Consider the extent to which the Organization's financial regulations are consistent with general Islamic principles;
- Endeavour to introduce modern accounting systems in the Organization.

13- Concerning commencement of the Organization's financial year, the Director General indicated that the Organization was still faced with difficulties that hindered the normal conduct of its activities as well as the implementation of its programmes. He pointed out, in this regards, that the 3rd General Conference had referred this matter to the Committee it had set up to consider the Organization's statutory texts and internal regulations. The Committee had submitted its conclusions to the 4th General Conference which decided to refer the matter to the 3rd Special Session of the General Conference.

As the special session was not held, the Director General expressed his wish to hear the Council's opinion in this respect.

The debate revealed two points of views on the subject. The first suggested to empower the Director General to approach Member States in order to find out their opinion on the possibility of adopting January 1st as commencement date of the financial year and, in case of approval by a two-third majority of Member States, the decision would be applied as of January 1st, 1993.

The second view held that the matter be referred to the next General Conference for consideration and appropriate action.

14- The Council Chairman put the two proposals to vote. Voting results were as follows:

- First proposal: 22 members in favour
- Second proposal: 4 members in favour
- Abstentions: 5 members.

Upon discussions, the Council decided to refer the said report to the Financial Control Committee and approved the proposals of the Director General regarding commencement of the financial year, the dates of budget adoption and preparation of the financial reports. It also decided to empower the Director General to approach Member States and request them to determine their stance, in writing, regarding commencement of the Organization's financial year and to apply the said amendment upon securing the approval of two-thirds Member States. The Council further thanked the Director General for the financial control measures adopted.

Decision on Item 2.2 of the Agenda

Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1991-1992 (Decision CE 13/92/D. 2.2)

The executive Council,

- In accordance with:

* Articles 18 and 19 of the Charter,

- * Articles 15, 19 of the Financial Regulations, and
- * Article 20, parag. "e" and "f" of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having taken cognizance of Doc. C.E. 13/92/2.2 Rev. containing the Financial Report of the Director General and the Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1991-1992,
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1- Has taken cognizance of the Financial Report of the Director General and the Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1991-1992 and decided to refer the document to the Financial Control Committee which will refer it back to the 14th Council session for approval prior to submitting it to the General Conference for adoption,

2- Approves the proposals of the Director General regarding the financial year and the dates of adoption of the budget by the General Conference as well as the dates of preparation of financial reports,

3- Mandates the Director General to write to Member States in order to request them to determine their stance, in writing, on changing the date of commencement of the Organization's financial year and to enforce this modification as from the date he obtains the approval of the two-thirds of Member States,

4- Thanks the Director General for carrying out the financial control measures as required by the General Conference in its Resolution C.G4/91/R. 5.3.

Fourth working session: Tuesday afternoon, 28 Jumada I 1413H / 24 November 1992

Item 2.3: Audit Company's (Audigroup) Report for Financial Year 1991-1992

Doc. C.E. 13/92/2.3

15- The Director General made a brief presentation of the audit company's report for Financial Year 1991-1992 and indicated that the audit company (Audigroup) had been late in carrying out its work, which had made it impossible to send the financial report of the Director General and the closing accounts for financial Year 1991-1992 to the Council Members in due time. The Director General requested the Executive Council to take the measures it deemed appropriate regarding the said audit company as well as internal financial control measures. The deliberations of the Council considered the following questions:

- 1-** Possibility for the representative of the audit company to attend in order to answer the Council's queries and provide the necessary clarifications.
- 2-** The possibility of giving the Director General a mandate to select another audit company and inform the Council of his choice at its coming session or leaving

it to proposed at the next session, in accordance with the Organization's Financial Regulations.

- 3- Standardized presentation of the audit company's accounts and the Organization's accounts in dollars.
- 4- Management of the stock and its accounts and recording them in the annual budget.

Having heard the clarifications given by the General Directorate, the Council requested the Director General to take due account of the recommendations and comments contained in the audit company's report, and adopted the following decision with regard to the audit company's (Audigroup) report for Financial Year 1991-1992:

Decision on Item 2.3 of the Agenda

Audit Company's (Audigroup) Report for Financial Year 1991-1992 (Decision CE 13/92/D. 2.3)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article 20 of the Financial Regulations,
- Having taken cognizance of Doc. C.E 13/92/2.3 containing the report of the audit company (Audigroup) on auditing the Organization's accounts for Financial Year 1991-1992,
- Having heard the report of the Director General on the performance of the audit company (Audigroup),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- 1- Refers the said report to the Financial Control Committee and invites the Committee to take it into consideration when preparing its report to be submitted to the Council;
- 2- Empowers the Director General to choose a highly qualified and experienced audit company to audit the accounts of the Organization; to inform Council Members of his choice and of the contracts' terms of reference within two months after this session.

Item 2.4: Report of the Director General on the situation of contributions and on redressing the Organization's financial situation

Doc. C.E. 13/92/2.4

16- The Director General made a brief summary of his report in the situation of contributions and on redressing the Organization's financial situation. He indicated that only two countries has settled their contributions in full for Financial Year 1991-1992.

He pointed out that Member States' total arrears had reached **US\$ 48 907 036.05**, thus entailing a huge deficit for the Organization which adversely affected the tasks assigned

to it. He requested the Council to take measures likely to help redress the situation caused by non-payment of Member States' contributions.

Fifth working session: Wednesday morning, 29 Jumada I 1413H / 25 November 1992

Item 2.4 (continued): Report of the Director General on the situation of Member states' contributions and on redressing the financial situation of the Organization

Doc. C.E. 13/92/2.4 Rev.

17- The Council pursued consideration of the Director General's report on Member states' contributions and on redressing the Organization's financial situation. Some Council members emphasized the need to find out the reasons which prevented some Member states from paying their contributions and to identify the problems with which they were confronted, particularly the consequences of economic crises, war conditions and natural disasters.

18- In reply to a question on the conclusions of the Committee set up by the Council to study the issue of contributions and ways of redressing the Organization's financial situation, the Council Chairman gave some clarifications and read the various decisions taken by the Council in this regard at its two previous sessions. He recalled further the work discharged by the Committee, which submitted a report on the reasons which prevented some Member States from setting their contributions, and on the programme of visits that it had planned to make to Member States, especially to the affluent nations which had sizeable arrears. However, the Committee had had to stop its work because of the particular conditions in the Gulf region.

19- During the discussion, some Council members proposed a number of solutions to redress the Organization's financial situation, in particular:

- To consider the possibility of rescheduling the arrears owed by Member States while ruling out the possibility for the General Conference to exempt them from payment of these arrears,
- To call for assistance to be provide to needy Member States, especially in the field of education and teaching,
- To consider the possibility for Member States which have arrears to finance some of the activities of the Organization, and to deduct the costs from their accumulated arrears,
- To consider the possibility for some affluent Member States to settle the contributions of less affluent ones, in keeping with the principle of Islamic solidarity,
- To invite the Director General to establish contacts in order to visit some Member States with a view to urging the relevant authorities to pay their country's contributions to the Organization's budget,
- To consider the question of contributions at a high political level,

- To reconsider the basis on which the Organization's budget was prepared in order to base it on realistic grounds, taking into consideration the economic and financial situation of Member States,
- To establish contacts with Islamic private financial institutions and Zakat funds to seek additional financial resources,
- To ask Council members to take the necessary steps with their own government in order to urge them to settle their contributions.

20- Some Council members indicated that the authorities concerned in their respective countries had taken the necessary measures to settle their contributions to the Organization's budget for the current financial year or some of their arrears soon. Those countries were: Burkina Faso, the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the State of Kuwait, the Republic of Mali and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

21- Two trends emerged from the discussion: the first calling on the Director General to undertake the necessary contacts with Member states in order to urge them to settle their contributions and to submit the results of his contacts to the next Executive Council session, the second suggested the setting up of a committee consisting of Council members to make the said contacts.

22- The Council adopted the first proposal, namely to mandate the Director General to make the necessary contacts with member states either through correspondence or by conducting talks with the ambassadors accredited each Council member assisted the Director General through contacting the relevant authorities for the settlement of contributions and arrears.

The Council then adopted the report of the Director General on the situation of contributions and on redressing the Organization's financial situation and adopted the following decision:

Decision on Item 2.4 of the Agenda

Report of the Director General on the situation of Member states' contributions to the Organization's budget and on redressing the Organization's financial situation

(Decision C.E. 13/92/2.4)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article 6 of the Financial Regulations,
- Having taken cognizance of Document C.E 13/92/2.4 (Rev.)
- Noting that the settlement pace of Member States' contributions was still beneath the accepted level, a fact which had a direct impact on the implementation of the Organization's various programme and activities,
- Recalling the decisions it had adopted previously, particularly:
 - Decision C.E. 11/90/D2.3, and

- Decision C.E. 12/91/D2.4
- Considering the deliberations which had taken place,

Decides the following:

- 1- Adopts the report of the Director General on the Situation of Member states' contributions to the Organization's budget for financial year 1991-1992, contained in document C.E. 13/92/2. (Rev.), and invites him to refer it to the General Conference;
- 2- Requests the Director General to undertake the necessary contacts, including correspondence with the relevant parties in Member states and direct contacts with their embassies in the seat-country. The Director General may, as and where necessary, visit these countries with a view to inducing them to honour their financial obligations towards the Organization. He shall submit a report on the outcome of his initiatives to the next session of the Executive Council;
- 3- Calls on the members of the Executive Council, each in his respective country, to support the efforts of the Director General in this respect;
- 4- Calls on the Director General to make the necessary contacts, with the Executive Council member concerned in each case, with a view to considering the possibility for well-to-do Member States to contribute to the settlement of the contributions of less affluent, arrear-ridden countries, either directly or through implementation of activities falling under the Organization's fields of competence;
- 5- Calls the Director General to consider the possibility for the Member States concerned to settle part of their arrears through financing the implementation of some activities within the framework of the Islamic Organization's fields of competence on the understanding that such financing would be considered part of their contributions; calls further on the Director general to lay down a detailed plan in this respect in cooperation with the Member States concerned;
- 6- Calls the Director General to investigate further financing sources from among Islamic finance institutions, especially the Islamic Development Bank, private financing bodies and Zakat institutions;
- 7- Thanks the Director General for the initiatives undertaken at the level of some Member States which led to the improvement of the Organization's financial situation;
- 8- Thanks the Member States which regularly settle their contributions and requests them to continue to do so; calls on the other Member States to promptly settle their contributions to the Organization's budgets in order to enable it to carry out its civilizational mission in the best way;
- 9- Calls on the Member States which challenge their contribution rates to continue to settle their contributions according to the rates adopted by the Organization's General Conferences and invites the Director General to place this matter on the agenda of the fifth General Conference session for action.

Item 3.1: Draft amendments to the Personnel Regulations**Doc. C.E. 13/92/3.1 Rev.**

23- The Director General took the floor and recalled the provisions of the Rules of Procedures of the Executive Council and the Personnel Regulations which empowered the Council to amend the Personnel Regulations. He indicated that practical experience mandated the revision of these regulations for the sake of clarify and applicability. He said that the draft amendments proposed were in line with the regulations enforced by similar organizations, in particular the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and did not differ considerably from the proposals made by the Committee set up by the General Conference to revise the Organization's Charter and internal regulations of the Organization.

24- Some Council members then raised some legal questions pertaining to draft amendments, particularly the possibility for the Council to amend the Personnel Regulations after submission by the General Conference Committee of its proposals to the Fourth General Conference. The second point which was raised concerned the extent to which the proposed amendments were consistent with the Charter which was the supreme statutory text of the Organization, and their conformity with the regulations in force in similar organizations.

25- Council members then discussed the extent to which the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council and the Personnel Regulations empowered the Council to amend the Personnel Regulations, on the one hand, and inquired, as well; about the enforcement date of the said amendments, if adopted. In this respect, two legal interpretations were made of Article 127 of the Personnel Regulations: the first held that enforcement was subject to adoption of the amendments by the General Conference, whereas the second considered it possible to enforce them immediately after their adoption by the Council at its current session.

Sixth working session: Wednesday afternoon, 29 Jumada I 1413H/25 November 1992**Item 3.1 (continued): Draft amendments to the Personnel Regulations****Doc. C.E. 13/92/3.1 Rev.**

26- The Council resumed consideration of the draft amendments to the Personnel Regulations proposed by the Director General. Upon discussion, the following amendments were adopted:

Chapter I:

- **Article 1:** The Proposal of the Director General was adopted in addition to retaining alphabetical letters instead of numbers for the classification of paragraphs. Paragraph "h" (former 8) was redrafted as follows: "to furnish a certified copy of each title or diploma he holds before the appointment letter is issued".

- Adoption of **Article 2** as proposed by the Director General;

- Adoption of **Article 3** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;

- Adoption of **Article 4** proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference and redrafted as follows: "Before receiving his appointment and assignment, the selected candidate shall keep himself at the entire disposal of the Islamic Organization. In case he refuses to join his post, he shall, after notification, be considered non-consenting and therefore crossed off the list of accepted candidates".

- Adoption of **Article 5, 6, 7 and 8** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference.

Chapter II:

- Adoption of **Article 9** as proposed by the Director general;

- **Article 10:** Upon discussion of the amendment to this article proposed by the Committee set up by the Third General Conference and that of the Director General, the two proposals were put to the vote. The Director General's proposal was adopted as follows:

- 18 votes for the proposal of the Director General.
- 4 votes for the proposal of the Committee set up by the Third General Conference.
- 5 abstentions.

- Adoption of **Article 11** as proposed by the Director General;

- Adoption of **Article 12** proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference upon redrafting it as follows:

"A staff member shall be considered to be confirmed after he has completed his probation period and received a confirmation decision signed by the Director General, or the person whom he delegates, specifying the staff category to which he belongs".

- Adoption of **Article 13** as proposed by the Director General.

Seventh working session: Thursday morning, 30 Jumada I 1413H / 26 November 1992

Item 3.1 (continued): Draft amendments to the Personnel Regulations

27- The Council pursued consideration of the draft amendments to the Personnel Regulations. It heard the comments of Council members on the proposed amendments as well as the explanations of the Director General thereon. Following deliberations, the Council set up a Committee composed of three members (Malaysia for the Asian group, Niger for the African group and Bahrain for the Arab group) to examine the item on the personnel salary scale.

Eighth working session: Thursday afternoon, 30 Jumada I 1413H / 26 November 1992

Point 3.1 (continued): Draft amendments to the Personnel Regulations

28- The Council pursued its proceedings in camera to consider the remaining articles of the Personnel Regulations. Following extensive deliberations, the following amendments were adopted:

Chapter III

- Adoption of **Article 14** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;
- Adoption of **Article 15** as proposed by the Director General;
- Adoption of **Articles 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21** and **22** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;
- Adoption of **Article 23** as proposed by the Director General;
- Adoption of **Articles 24, 25** and **26** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference.

Chapter IV

- Adoption of **Articles 27, 28** and **29** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;
- Adoption of **Article 30** as proposed by the Director General;
- Adoption of **Article 31** proposed by the Director General upon redrafting it as follows:

"The Director General shall be provided with furnished accommodation. As for the Deputy Directors General, they shall receive an annual housing allowance equal to three months' base salary.

- the base salary of two months for the staff of categories 1, 2, 3 and 4;
- the base salary of three months for staff category 5.

This allowance shall be paid on a monthly basis".

- Adoption of **Articles 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55** and **56** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;
- Adoption of **Articles 57, 58, 59, 60** and **61** as proposed by the Director General;
- Adoption of **Article 62** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;

- Adoption of **Articles 63 and 64** as proposed by the Director General;
- Adoption of **Articles 65, 66 and 67** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference.

Chapter V

- Adoption of **Articles 68, 69, 70 and 71** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;
- Adoption of **Articles 72** as proposed by the Director General;
- Adoption of **Articles 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80 and 81** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;
- Adoption of **Article 82** proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference upon redrafting the last paragraph as follows:

"For pilgrimage to the Holy Places within a 30 day-period. This leave shall be granted only once during a staff member's career at the Islamic Organization".

- Adoption of **Articles 83, 84, 85, 86 and 87** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference.

Chapter VI

- Adoption of **Article 88** proposed by the Director General upon redrafting the beginning of the article as follows:

"At the end of each year, ..."

- Adoption of **Article 89** proposed by the Director General upon redrafting it as follows:

"The evaluation is to be made known to the staff member concerned, coupled with observations in his performance."

- Adoption of **Articles 90, 91 and 92** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;
- Adoption of **Articles 93** as proposed by the Director General;
- Adoption of **Articles 94, 95 and 96** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;
- Adoption of **Articles 97 and 98** as proposed by the Director General;
- Adoption of **Article 99** proposed by the Director General upon redrafting it as follows:

"The Committee shall be composed of a Chairman, to be appointed by the Director General, of the official in charge of administrative and financial affairs, of the legal consultant and of elected members, each representing one staff category."

- Adoption of **Articles 100, 101 and 102** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference.

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Item 6.1 of the Agenda: Date and venue of the 14th session of the Executive Council

Doc. C.E. 13/92/D.D. 6.1

29- The Council started its proceedings in camera by appointing the following decision on the 14th session of the Executive Council:

Decision on Item 6.1 of the Agenda

Date and venue of the 14th Council Session (Decision CE 13/92/D6.1)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- Decides to hold its 14th session in Rabat in the second half of November 1993.

Item 3.6 of the Agenda: Election of Financial Control Committee members

Doc. C.E. 13/92/3.6

30- The Council then elected the Financial Control Committee members and adopted the following decision in this respect:

Decision on Item 3.6 of the Agenda

Election of Financial Control Committee members (Decision C.E. 13/92/3.6)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with:
 - Article 19 of the Charter,
 - Article 24 of the Financial Regulations,
 - Article 20, paragraph "b", of the Rules of Procedure of the Council,

- Bearing in mind the suspension of the Committee's work from 1st June 1991 to 31st July 1992,
- Having heard the explanations of the Director General in this respect,

Decides the following:

- 1- Elects the following Member States for membership in the Financial Control Committee:
 - Bahrain
 - Bangladesh
 - Sierra Leone
 - Mali
 - Yemen
- 2- Invites these Member States to nominate their representatives to this Committee provided they have the expertise and competence required in this field;
- 3- Invites the Director General to convene the committee's annual meetings in suitable times;
- 4- Invites the Committee members to discharge their work and submit their reports in the light of the Charter and regulations in force.

Item 3.1: Draft amendments to the Personnel Regulations

31- The Council resumed its consideration of the draft amendments to the Personnel Regulations and heard the recommendations made by the tripartite Committee set up to consider the proposed monthly salary scale of staff members; these recommendations were as follows:

- To adopt the scale proposed by the Director General, provided the salaries of category 5 were amended as follows:
 - A₁ starting from 324 dollars
 - A₂ starting from 156 dollars
 - A₃ starting from 128 dollars
- To apply the said scale to future staff members while enforcing the old scale for the incumbent staff members.

A Council member suggested that the scale proposed by the Director General be applied to the special category and to categories 1, 2, 3 and 4 while maintaining the old scale for category 5.

The Council voted on the tripartite Committee's recommendations and on the Council member's proposal. The results of the vote were as follows:

- 25 votes in favour of the Committee's recommendations,
- 5 votes in favour of the Council member's proposal,
- 1 abstention.

The tripartite Committee's recommendations were adopted.

32- The Council pursued its consideration of the Director General and the viewpoint expressed by Council members, the council adopted the following amendments:

Chapter VII

- Change the title of **Chapter VII** as follows: Disciplinary measures;
- Adoption of **Articles 103** and **104** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;
- Adoption of **Article 105** proposed by the Director General upon redrafting it as follows: " Disciplinary measures shall consist of ..."
- Adoption of **Articles 106** and **107** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;
- Adoption of **Article 108** as proposed by the Director General;
- Adoption of **Articles 109, 110, 111** and **112** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;

Chapter VIII

- Adoption of **Articles 113** and **114** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;
- Adoption of **Article 115** as proposed by the Director General;
- Adoption of **Article 116** proposed by the Director General upon adding the following to paragraph "b": "The Director General may extend the term of office for a period not exceeding two years if he deems that continuation of the staff member's services are of benefit to the Organization".
- Adoption of **Article 117** as proposed by the Director General;
- Adoption of **Article 118** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;
- Adoption of **Article 119** as proposed by the Director General;
- **Article 120** proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference and **Article 120** proposed by the Director General were put to the vote.

The results of the vote were as follows:

- 23 votes in favour of the article proposed by the Director General,
 - 3 votes in favour of the article proposed by the Committee set up by the Third General Conference,
 - 2 abstentions.
- Adoption of **Article 121** proposed by the Director General upon redrafting it as follows:
- "When a staff member's services are terminated as a result of post reduction due to exceptional and compelling circumstances, the staff member shall receive compensation to be determined according to a scale governing all cases, to be proposed by the Director General to the Executive Council."
- Adoption of **Article 122** as proposed by the Director General.

Chapter IX

The title of this chapter was changed as follows: "Transitional and General Provisions".

- Adoption of **Article 123** as proposed by the Director General;
- Adoption of **Articles 124, 125** and **126** as proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference;
- Adoption of **Article 127** proposed by the Committee of the Third General Conference upon redrafting it as follows:

"The Executive Council may amend the present Regulations upon recommendation of the Director General. The Director General shall enforce the said amendments upon their adoption by the Executive Council until the amendments are ratified by the General Conference."

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Item 3.1 (continued): Draft amendments to the Personnel Regulations

33- The Council resumed its proceedings in camera. It adopted an additional article proposed by a Council member, under **Chapter IX**, bearing number **128**. This article stipulates the following:

"The current Regulations shall apply to the incumbent staff apply to the incumbent staff so long as they General Conference. It becomes **Article 129**."

The Council ended discussions of this item by adopting the following decision:

Decision on Item 3.1 of the Agenda

Draft amendments to the Personnel Regulations (Decision C.E 13/92/D. 3.1)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with:
 - Article 127 of the Personnel Regulations, by virtue of which the Council is entitled to amend these regulations upon a proposal by the Director General, pending adoption of this amendment by the General Conference,
 - Article 128 of the Personnel Regulations, by virtue of which the Director General is entitled to take the necessary complementary measures between the two Council sessions provided that he submit to the Council for approval,
 - Article 20, paragraph "k" of the rules of Procedure of the executive Council, which makes it possible for the Council to amend the Personnel Regulations in emerging situations pending adoption of the amendment by the General Conference,
- Having taken cognizance of Document C.E 13/92/3.1 (Rev.) containing both the amendments of the Committee set up by the 3rd General Conference to revise the Charter and internal regulations and the amendments of the Director General,
- Noting that the amendments of the Director General are aimed at optimizing administrative and financial control measures in pursuance of the General Conference Resolution C.G 4/91/R 5.3,
- Having heard the presentation of the Director General,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- Adopts the amendments to the Personnel Regulations as contained in the enclosed document and calls on the Director General to submit them to the General Conference for adoption. (Annex 8: Personnel Regulations as amended and adopted by the Council).

Item 3.2: Draft amendments to the Financial Regulations

Doc C.E 13/92/3.2 Rev.

34- The Council took cognizance of the document and decided to place it on the Agenda of the 14th Council session.

Item 3.3: Draft amendments to the Internal Regulations of the End-of-Service Allowance Fund

Doc C.E 13/92/3.3

35- The Council took cognizance of the above document and decided to place it on the Agenda of the 14th Council session.

Item 3.4: Draft amendments to the Internal Regulations of ISESCO's Medical Insurance Fund

Doc C.E 13/92/3.4

36- The Council took cognizance of the above document and decided to place it on the Agenda of the 14th Council session.

Item 3.5: Report of the Committee in charge of revising the Organization Chart of the General Directorate

Doc C.E 13/92/3.5

37- The Council took cognizance of the above document and decided to place it on the Agenda of the 14th Council session.

Item 4.3: Implementation mechanisms of the Special Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training for All in Islamic Countries

Doc C.E 13/92/4.3 Addendum

38- The Council took cognizance of the document and decided to place it on the Agenda of the 14th Council session.

Item 3.7: Cancelling of the third Special Session of the General Conference

39- The Council heard the Director General's presentation on the reasons for the cancellation of the Special Session of the general Conference which had been decided by the Fourth Regular Session of the General Conference. The Director General has been notified, in writing, of the approval of the majority of Member States to cancel this Session. After discussion, the Council adopted the following decision:

Decision on Item 3.7 of the Agenda

Canceling the Third Special session of the General Conference

(Decision C.E. 13/92/D 3.7)

The Executive Council,

- Recalling Resolution C.G. 4/91/R 5.1 adopted by the General Conference whereby it decided to convene a special General Conference session, without including a relevant item in the budget to cover the ensuing costs,
- Considering that the absolute majority of Member States agreed to cancel the said session at the proposal of some Member States of the Organization,
- Taking into consideration the other sound reasons put forth by the Director General to cancel the said session,

Decides the following:

- Considers the third special session of the General Conference to be cancelled from the legal as well as procedural perspective;
- Invites the Director General to place the agenda items of the cancelled Special Session on the agendas of the coming General Conference and Executive Council sessions in accordance with the competence and terms of reference of each one of them.

Item 4.1: Report of the Director General on the situation of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait

Document C.E. 13/92/4.1 Rev.

40- The Director General provided explanations on the activities carried out by the Organization in favour of the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait. He informed the Council that ISESCO's Science Sector had prepared the study requested by the Council, at its previous session, on the impact of environmental pollution on children in the State of Kuwait and the Gulf region as a result of the fire to the oil wells by the Iraqi forces.

The representative of the State of Kuwait expressed his country's thanks and appreciation to the Council and to the Director General for the support provided by the Organization to his country.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran took the floor and made reservations on the phrase "Arabian Gulf" and asked that the internationally used phrase "Persian Gulf" be adopted. The representative of the State of Kuwait suggested that the phrase used in the Organization of the Islamic Conference should be adopted, adding that agreement had been reached at UNESCO to include the Gulf in the marine environment protection zone.

The Council Chairman recalled the importance of Islamic solidarity in enhancing the unity of Muslim ranks and providing for a better future for Muslim peoples and countries.

The representative of the Republic of Iraq objected to the report, indicating that it lacked neutrality. He relied on the comment of ISESCO's Science Sector that some recommendations were of a political nature. He indicated that recommendations 49, 50 and 51 were in progress at the United Nations and that the Kuwaiti party had recovered its assets, adding that there was an official document to that effect. He also said that no Kuwaiti was detained in Iraq.

The Council concluded its discussion with the adoption of the following decision:

Decision on Item 4.1 of the Agenda

Report of the Director General on the Situation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in the State of Kuwait (Decision D.E. 13/92/D. 4.1)

The Executive Council,

- Recalling the Decision C.E. 12/91/D.5., which was adopted by the Council at its 12th session regarding the situation of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait, and in which it called on the Organization, in operative paragraph 3, to conduct a study on the impact of environment pollution on children in the State of Kuwait and the Gulf region,
- Recalling operative paragraph 4 of the said decision, which calls on the Director General to submit a report on the implementation of this Decision to the executive Council at its 13th session,
- Having taken cognizance of document C.E 13/92/4.1 (Rev.) introducing the Report of the Director General on the situation of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait,
- Taking into consideration the fact that the Director General has taken the appropriate measures to enforce this Decision with no adopted budget appropriations in the Plan, and Budget endorsed by the 4th General Conference for the years 1991-1994,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place.

Decides the following:

- 1- Expresses its appreciation to the Director General for enforcing this decision despite the financial hindrances,
- 2- Invites Member States to provide additional financial resources to enable Director General to pursue the implementation of this Decision,
- 3- Places this item on the agenda of the 14th Council session.

41- The delegate of the State of Kuwait submitted a draft decision to the Council on the historical and geographical misrepresentations regarding the State of Kuwait contained in the textbooks and curricula of the Republic of Iraq, according to which Kuwait was part of Iraq.

The representative of Iraq called for caution in addressing this subject, for it was outside the scope of the duties and obligations of the Organization, would set a serious precedent owing to its political nature and would lead to interference with the affairs of a Member State of the Organization.

After discussion, the draft decision was put to vote. Voting results were as follows:

- 9 votes in favour of the draft decision,
- 3 votes against the draft decision,
- 5 abstentions,
- 10 non-voting.

The Council adopted the following decision:

Additional Decision pertaining to Agenda item 4.1 on the misrepresentation of historical and geographical facts in Iraqi educational textbooks and curricula with respect to the State of Kuwait (Decision C.E.13/92/D.4.1b).

The Executive Council,

- Recalling Security resolutions 660, 662, 664, 665, 667, 669 and 670 adopted under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter and related to the Iraqi aggression on Kuwait,

Recalling the decision adopted on the same issue by the League of Arab States and its various organizations, particularly ALECSO,

- Recalling the decisions of the Executive Board of UNESCO, particularly decision 135 EB/8.4,
- Referring to the resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and decisions C.E.11/90/D.6 and C.E.12/91/D.5.1 of the Executive Council of ISESCO,
- Having considered document C.E.13/92/4.1 submitted to the 13th session of the Executive Council and related to the Director General's report on the situation of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait,
- Having taken cognizance of the explanatory memorandum presented by the State of Kuwait on the contents of the textbooks and curricula taught in Iraqi schools and the documents confirming the explanatory memorandum, which clearly indicate that the State of Kuwait is part of Iraq, especially the textbooks of general education published in 1990 and in particular the textbooks on "Geography of the Arab World", "Geography of Iraq", "Modern and Contemporary History of the Arab World", "Economic Geography" as well as the maps published in these books.

Invites the Director General:

- 1- To establish contacts with the Iraqi Government in order to ask it to take the appropriate measures to change all the contents of Iraqi textbooks and curricula which concern Kuwait;
- 2- To submit a report on this question to the next session of the executive Council.

Item 4.2: Report of the Director General on the situation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif under the Israeli Occupation and attempts at obligating its Islamic identity and judaizing it.

Doc. C.E. 13/92/4.2

42- The Director General presented a brief report in which he referred to the measures taken for the establishment of "Al-Quds Al-Sharif Affairs Unit" at ISESCO in compliance with a resolution of the Fourth General Conference. He explained the tasks to be carried out by this Unit as a contribution towards the protection of the holy city and the preservation of its civilizational features and Islamic Character.

The representative of the State of Palestine thanked the Director General of the Organization for the efforts he was expending in favour of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and its civilizational features.

A number of Council members seconded that statement and expressed appreciation for the earnest taken by the Director General. After an extensive debate on the question, the Council adopted the following decision:

Decision on item 4.2 of the Agenda

Report of the Director General on the situation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif under the Israeli Occupation and Attempts at Obligating its Identity and judaizing it.

(Decision C.E.13/92/D 4.2)

The Executive Council,

- Recalling Decision C.G.4/91/R.6.2, which was adopted by the Organization's General Conference at its 4th session, particularly with respect to the following:
 - Operative paragraph 3 which calls on the Director General and the Executive Council to set up a standing committee in charge of safeguarding cultural properties in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and to establish a fund for this purpose,
 - Operative paragraph 4 which entrusts the Director General with holding an international symposium as part of the Islamic-Christian dialogue with a view to safeguarding Al-Quds Al-Sharif affairs,
- Having taken cognizance of document C.E 13/92/4.2,
- Noting with satisfaction the efforts expended by the Director General to enforce General Conference Resolution C.G.4/91/R.6.2, notwithstanding the fact that no budget appropriations were allocated to it, and noting with satisfaction the establishment, at the Organization, of an administrative unit in charge of Al-Quds Al-Sharif affairs,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place.

Decides the following:

- 1- Congratulates the Director General for endeavouring to enforce the decisions regarding Al-Quds and to safeguard its cultural heritage,
- 2- Calls on Member States as well as the institutions concerned with Al-Quds Al-Sharif to support the Fund with whose establishment the Director General and the Executive Council were both entrusted by virtue of General Conference Resolution C.G./4/91/R.6.2,
- 3- Calls for cooperation with all Islamic, Arab and international organizations concerned with the preservation of the heritage and cultural identity of the Palestinian people as well as with the Islamic sanctities in Al-Quds Al-Sharif,

- 4- Invites the Director General to proceed actively with preparations for convening an international symposium on Al-Quds and its cultural heritage as part of the Islamic-Christian dialogue in compliance with General Conference Resolution C.G.4/91/R.6.2,
- 5- Condemns and expresses concern over the continues Israeli occupation authorities' racist practices towards the Palestinian people, their attempts to judaize the holy city and their refusal to comply with the decisions issued by international organizations an Al-Quds.

Item 5.1: Construction of the Organization's headquarters

Doc. C.E. 13/92/5.1 Addendum

43- The Director General made a presentation on the efforts he had expended to secure a suitable headquarters for the Organization likely to accommodate all its structures and to enable it to discharge its duties in the best way. He also commended the initiative taken by His Majesty King Hassan II, who had donated a plot of land registered on behalf of the Organization. Likewise, the Director General praised the initiative taken by His Highness Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Al Nahyan, President of the State of the United Arab Emirates, who offered to finance the construction of the Organization's headquarters.

After commending the initiatives taken by the Moroccan Sovereign and the President of the State of the United Arab Emirates as well as the efforts expended by the Director General, the Council took the following decision:

Decision on Item 5.1 of the Agenda

Construction of the Organization's headquarters (Decision C.E.13/92/D5.1)

The Executive Council,

- Recalling the previous deliberations of the General Conference and of the Executive Council on construction of the Organization's Headquarters,
- Recalling with deep thanks and gratitude the generous gesture of His Majesty King Hassan II, sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco, who donated a plot of land for the construction of the Organization's Headquarters,
- Taking note of the steps taken by the current Director General of the Organization with a view to registering the plot of land on behalf of the Organization,
- Recalling with deep thanks and gratitude the generous offer to build the Organization's Headquarters made by His Highness Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Al Nahyan, President of the State of the United Arab Emirates,
- Having taken cognizance of document C.E 13/92/5.1 (Addendum), regarding the construction of the Organization's Headquarters,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place.

Decides the following:

- 1- Commends His Majesty King Hassan II, sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco, for his generous donation of a plot of land for the construction of the Organization's Headquarters as well as for his unstinted support for the Organization,
- 2- Commends also His Highness Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Al Nahyan, President of the State of the United Arab Emirates, for his generous offer to build the Organization's headquarters and for his continued support for the Organization,
- 3- Congratulates the Director General for his outstanding efforts in this respect and invites him to submit a report on the subject to the 14th Council session.

Item 4.4: Solidarity with suffering children in the world, particularly those of the Muslim Ummah

44- The Council launched an appeal to Member States and humanitarian organizations to provide the necessary support for alleviating the hardships of suffering children in Islamic countries and communities; (annex 9: Appeal for solidarity with suffering children in the world, particularly those of the Muslim Ummah).

The Council made an appeal for assistance to be provided to Muslims in Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to alleviate their suffering. (Annex 10: Appeal on the tragedy of Muslims in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina).

The Council took the following decision:

Decision on Item 4.4 of the Agenda

Solidarity with suffering children in the world, particularly those of the Muslim Ummah (Decision C.E.13/92/D.4.4)

The Executive Council,

- Recalling the important role played by the Organization in reinforcing Islamic solidarity in its fields of competence,
- Recalling with deep regret the suffering of the children and pupils of the peoples of the Muslim Ummah in various areas of the world, as a result of draught, war, siege and famine; and recalling further the ensuing impact on the fields of education, science and culture, particularly with regard to the children and pupils of Iraq, Libya, Palestine, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Somalia, Jammu and Kashmir,

Decides the following:

- 1- Expressed deep concern over the condition of the children of the peoples of the Muslim Ummah in stricken areas of the world;
- 2- Invites the Director General to contact Member States and international humanitarian organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in order to secure the necessary support;

- 3- Invites Member States to provide the necessary financial support from extra-budgetary resources to boost these efforts.

45- The Council then took the following decision with respect to Dr. Khairat M. Ibne-Rasa, Deputy Director General of Science, who has reached retirement age:

Decision on paying tribute to Dr. Khairat Mohammad Ibne-Rasa upon reaching the retirement age

Considering that H.E. Dr. Khairat Muhammad Ibne-Rasa, Deputy Director General for Science at the Organization has reached the retirement age according to the provision of the Personnel Regulations; in appreciation, by the Executive Council, of his distinct efforts in promoting the Organization's Science Sector and contributing to crystallizing the Organization's action plans and implementing its programmes; considering, further the proposal of the Director General to hold a celebration in tribute to him and to award him the Organization's Medal;

The Council decides the following:

- 1- Thanks H.E. Dr. Khairat M. Ibne-Rasa for the distinct efforts he expended during his term of office at the Organization,
- 2- Requests the Director General to hold a celebration in tribute to him,
- 3- Invites the Director General to award him ISESCO's Medal in appreciation for his services.

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46- At the beginning of the session the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran signed the Charter of the Islamic Organization. In an address he had delivered in this occasion, he expressed the pride taken by his country in joining the Organization as well as its full readiness to contribute efficiently to achieving the Organization's goals and implementing its activities.

47- H.E. the Director General of the Organization took the floor and pointed out the importance of the decisions and recommendations adopted by the Council, indicating that they renewed confidence in the effective role discharged by ISESCO at all levels. He added that this session's conclusions heralded a new phase in the consolidation of the Organization's legal, administrative and financial foundations as well as the promotion and modernizing of its working methods (Annex 11: Address by H.E. the Director General at the closing session).

48- In his closing statement, H.E. the Chairman of the Executive Council recalled the conclusions of this session which will lead to the development of the Organization's basis infrastructure and to greater performance. He thanked Council Members for their kind cooperation and fruitful contributions to the debate and for the decisions adopted, which will consolidate the Organization's action. He also thanked the Director General and his assistants for the efforts they expended to ensure the success of this session. (Annex 12: Address by H.E. the Council Chairman at the closing session).

49- The representative of the Republic of Gabon took the floor on behalf of the Council Members and congratulated the Chairman for his wise conduct of the session's proceedings and expressed thanks to the Director General and his assistants for the good organizations of this session.

50- On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Council issued an appeal in which it called on the international community to show solidarity with the Palestinian people in its just struggle (Annex 13: Appeal for solidarity with the Palestinian people).

51- The Council sent a message of thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Hassan II, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco, for the lofty care he extends to the Organization as well as the unstinted support provided by his honourable Government. (Annex 14: Message of thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Hassan II, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco).