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FINAL REPORT

The Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization held its fifth session in Rabat from 9 to 13 Shaaban 1405 H/April 30 – May 4, 1985.

The opening session proceeded with recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an, followed by a statement by Dr. Azzedine LARAKI, Minister of Education in the Kingdom of Morocco and Chairman of the first regular session of the General Conference of ISESCO, in which he said he was happy to note that the Organization was clearly making headway in achieving the objectives for which it was established. He also pointed out that he was optimistic as to the future of the Organization.

The Chairman of the Executive Council, Dr. Rasheed Abdelaziz Al MUBARAK, representing the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, said in his address that he was proud of the way the Executive Council was proceeding with its work as a body which provides the General Directorate with efficient assistance in its endeavour which is aimed at implementing the noble objectives of the Organization.

The Director General of ISESCO Pr. Abdelhadi BOUTALEB took the floor and delivered his report on the Organization's activities in the period between the fourth session (Rabat, Zul Hijja 1404H/September 1984) and the fifth session (Shaaban 1405 H/April – May 1985). Pr. Abdelhadi BOUTALEB gave clarifications both on the programmes implemented under the Organization's two-year Action Plan (1403-1405 H/ 1983-1985), and extra-programme activities of the Organization. He also issued an overall picture of the financial and administrative situation.

The Council approved, at its first meeting, the candidacy of Mr. Sa'adi Al Wahaidi, Director of higher education in the Palestine Liberation Organization, representing Palestine, in replacement of Dr. Mahmud Mawid, former member of the Council, in accordance with a written request from the Rabat PLO office.

Having approved the agenda and the Director General's Report, the Council commended the efforts made by the officials and staff of ISESCO under the leadership of its Director General, in implementing the programme under the Organization's two-year Plan of Action. The Council then moved to examine document CE5/85/P pertaining to projects under the Organization's three-year Plan of Action (1405-1408 H/1985-1988). Programmes were addressed as they were listed in the four areas itemized in the Action Plan: Education, Sciences, Culture and general programmes.

The Council approved the draft three-year Plan of Action which was submitted by the General Directorate and issued a recommendation to this effect (Annex 1). The following observations and amendments were made by the Council:

- 1- ISESCO shall set priorities in the light of Member State's needs and of the human material resources available to it.
- 2- The Organization's shall avoid duplication and overlapping of its activities with those of similar organizations and institutions, especially after the Director General's statement that ISESCO starts its programmes where others have left off.
- 3- It shall work in co-ordination with institutions acting in the same fields of competence, especially those operating within the framework of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

I- In the area of education

a- Project N° E6:

Amended title is: "Six training sessions for instructors on Islamic education and Arabic language, in non-Arabic speaking member states".

b- Project N° E13:

Reworded in such a way that, at the stage of practical implementation, due consideration shall be given to the efforts of member States and to those of institutions acting in the same field, such as the World federation of International Arab Islamic Schools and UNESCO.

c- Project N° E/7:

The cost esteemed ceiling was set at \$300.000 instead of \$ 660.000

- d- **Project N° E/18:** Amended title: the “Federation of universities in member States”. Implementation step n°4 has been deleted.

II- In the area of Sciences

Project S/8 was added, under the title “Scholarship for Muslim minorities in developing countries”. The sum of \$ 200.000 was earmarked for this project.

III- In the area of Culture

a- Project C/2:

To add 10 paragraphs pertaining to the targets, the phrase “especially in articles relating to Islamic concepts, such as the subject of the Holy Qur’an”.

b- Project C/4:

A phrase is added to the 4 implementation steps, stating “in cooperation with the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture, in Istanbul, in order to avoid duplication of activities”.

c- Project C/6:

A phrase is added to the 4 implementation steps, stating “implementation shall be in coordination and cooperation with the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture, which is affiliated to the organization of the Islamic Conference, and with similar institutions”.

IV- In the area of general programme

- a- Project G/8 with respect to organizing a series of Islamic seminars: A new seminar is provided for to discuss the role of universities and other research institutes with respect to technology and economics in Islamic countries.
- b- Project N° G/1: the cost estimate ceiling was set at \$ 600.000 instead of \$ 1.137.000
- c- Project N° G/6: the cost estimate ceiling was set at \$ 100.000 instead of \$ 459.000
- d- A new project was added (G12) under the title “Providing support to Islamic publishing companies” cost: US\$ 250.000.

The Council then moved to address the draft budget for the three-year period 1405-1408 H/ 1985-1988, as contained in document CE5/85/8. After a statement by the Director General that this was actually the first draft budget of ISESCO, the

Council examined it and issued a recommendation to this effect (Annex 2), along with the following remarks:

- 1-The Council requested the General Directorate to provide it, at its next session, with a detailed report on receipts and expenditure until 30 June, 1985.
- 2-The General Directorate was also requested to ensure compatibility and balance among the various items of the budget, especially between operating costs on one hand, and expenditure pertaining to programmes and projects on the other.
- 3-The General Directorate shall present the next draft budgets itemized as follows:
 - salaries and allowances
 - operating costs and equipment expenses
 - Plan of Action

The Council examined and approved, unchanged, the proposed cooperation agreement between ISESCO and the Islamic Development Bank (Annex 3). It then considered the draft cooperation agreement between ISESCO and the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States. It approved it, without introducing any changes, and adopted a decision to this effect (Annex 4).

The Council also discussed the proposed cooperation agreement between the International Centre for the Bantu Civilizations and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Upon examining the text, it approved it (Annex 5), with the following amendment: the first paragraph in page 2 now reads: "Considering the historical ties between the Islamic Civilization and the Bantu Civilizations, and in view of the fact that the objectives and plans of action which ISESCO seeks to implement are aimed at encouraging dialogue between civilizations in the service of cooperation, understanding and peace".

Having examined the document submitted by General Directorate in respect of the draft agreement of the recognition of higher education diplomas, qualifications and grades in Islamic Countries, as part of programme 4/1 of the Organization's two-year Plan of Action 1403-1405 H/1983-1985, the Council requested that the following measures be undertaken by the General Directorate:

Equivalence of diplomas

- 1- To urge countries which have not sent in their comments on the proposed agreement to do so promptly.
- 2- To request member States to provide the organization with information and data on their education system, syllabi and curricula as well as the

duration of the different school stages. The Organization shall also request copies of arrangements and accords concluded with countries and other organizations with respect to the question of equivalence of diplomas.

- 3- To set up a committee of experts to draft the proposed agreement in the light of data and comments from Member States, and of the Council's discussions and deliberations on the subject.
- 4- To cooperate with the World Federation of International Arab Islamic Schools, in the light of the latter's experience with Islamic institutes and other institutions, concerning the recognition of certificates issued by Arab Islamic schools.
- 5- To submit to the Executive Council the draft agreement as revised by the committee of experts.

As regards document CE5/85/SO pertaining to the Observer status, the Council approved the relevant text submitted by the General Directorate, after deleting from Article III pertaining to inter-governmental organizations, the phrase: "provided there as an agreement between ISESCO and those Organizations, on mutual representation". This amendment is aimed at facilitating cooperation between ISESCO and institutions and bodies affiliated to the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, especially those mentioned in ISESCO's Statute. The Council adopted a recommendation to this effect (Annex 6).

The Council took up document CE5/85/S.P. presented by the General Directorate in connection with the amendment of certain provisions of the Personnel Regulations. It approved it (Annex 7) with the following amendments:

Article 16: First paragraph, after deleting the word "minimum reads": "they shall be employed for a period of one year".

Article 24: The first paragraph was deleted. The second paragraph reads as follows: "If at the end of the probation period the professional aptitudes are still considered inadequate, the staff member shall be dismissed".

Article 26: The last sentence was deleted from the end of the paragraph. The article reads as follows: "Temporary recruitment, as specified in Article 16, shall be ended upon a decision signed by the Director General or his delegate".

Article 46: To keep the original text unchanged.

Article 48: (Proposed amendment does not affect English version).

Article 107: An amendment was introduced to the proportion of the contribution to the fund: it now stands at:

- 1.50% as the staff member's contribution
- 3% as the Organization's contribution

Article 109: The third paragraph reads as follows: "non-married students under 21 years of age".

The last paragraph of this Article reads as follows:

"Rates of the above allowances are indicated in the annexed table. They may be revised on a proposal by the Director General and the agreement thereto of the Executive Council whenever it becomes evident that the cost of living index has risen".

Article 110: The first paragraph reads as follows:

"The Director General may grant to ISESCO staff members, residents and non residents alike, who belong to categories "C" and "D", an allowance to cover school expenses, in case of justified need ..."

Article 124: To keep the initial text unchanged.

As regards the constriction of the Organization's headquarters, the Council examined document CE5/85/SI submitted by the General Directorate and decided to refer it to the General Conference, at its second session, after deleting the proposed solutions from it.

As for the question of the rate of member-States' contribution to ISESCO's budget, the Council examined document CE5/85/QP and decided to advise the General Conference, at its second session, of the financial situation of the Organization and of the difficulties with it is confronted:

- 1- failure of some States to join ISESCO
- 2- some States do not pay their full contribution to ISESCO's budget.
The Council decided to submit to the next General Conference, the memorandum prepared by the General Directorate on this subject.

The Council then moved to discuss the date and venue of the sixth session of the Executive Council. The Director General advised of the outcome of his consultations on the subject with the Government of Pakistan which will host the Conference. He advised that the scheduled date is the month of Zul-Hijja, which corresponds to 3-5 September 1985, and that the venue is Islamabad. It was decided that the proceedings of the 6th session of the Executive Council shall begin on 31 August 1985, in Islamabad.

The Executive Council unanimously decided to submit to the next General Conference a recommendation (Annex 8) on the renewal of the mandate of Professor Abdelhadi BOUTALEB as Director General of the Organization.

The Executive Council held its closing session in the morning of Friday 12 Shaaban 1405 H/ 3 May 1985 and adopted the final report as well as the annexed recommendations. It also issued a message for His Majesty the King of the Kingdom of Morocco wherein it expressed its gratitude for the care and solicitude extended to ISESCO (Annex 9).

In the morning of Friday May 2, 1985 as ISESCO was commemorating its third anniversary, the Council members visited the Organization's headquarters and inaugurated therein the Islamic Information and Data Bank unit (BIDI). They were briefed by ISESCO's experts on the various components of the system as well as its storage and processing capabilities, and the network which connects it with member States and major international data banks.

RECOMMENDATIONS
ON
THE DRAFT THREE-YEAR PLAN OF ACTION
1405-1408 H/ 1985-1988

The Executive Council of ISESCO, meeting at its 5th session in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 9-13 Shaaban 1405 H/30 April – 4 May 1985,

Referring to:

- Article 11, paragraphs 2 and 3 of ISESCO's Statute;
- Articles 13, 14 and 22 of the Rules and Procedures of the General Conference;
- Article 20, paragraph "e" and article 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- The recommendations of the Executive Council, at its fourth session in Rabat, on 22-24 Zul Hijja 1404 H/18-20 September 1984;

Having taken note of document N° CE5/85/P submitted by the General Directorate on the Organization's draft three-year Plan of Action 1405-1408/1985-1988;

Approves the draft three-year Plan of Action, with the understanding that the recommendations and observations made by the Council shall be taken into account.

RECOMMENDATIONS
ON
ISESCO'S DRAFT THREE-YEAR BUDGET
1405-1408 H/ 1985-1988

The Executive Council of ISESCO, meeting at its 5th session in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 9-13 Shaaban 1405 H/30 April – 4 May 1985,

Considering Article 11, paragraph 2, and Articles 17 and 18 of ISESCO's Statute,

Considering Articles 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 of ISESCO's Financial Regulations,

Referring to Article 20 of the Rules and Procedures of the Executive Council,

Having examined document N° CE5/85/B submitted by the Director General and pertaining to the Organization's draft three-year budget 1405-1408 H/1985-1988,

1- Approves the proposed budget, in the following proportions:

for 1985 – 1986: US\$ 10,305,433

1986 – 1987: US\$ 11,062,141

1987 – 1988: US\$ 12,467,126

with the understanding that the General Directorate shall take into consideration the amendments and observations made by the Council and contained in its Final Report.

Calls on the Director General to submit the draft three-year Plan of Action to the Organization's second General conference, which will be held in Islamabad, Zul Hijja 1405 H, September 1985;

Recommends that the General Conference adopt the draft three-year Plan of Action.

RECOMMENDATIONS
ON
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISESCO
AND THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

The Executive Council of ISESCO, meeting at its 5th session in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 9-13 Shaaban 1405 H/30 April – 4 May 1985,

Considering that the development of education, culture, science and its applications in the framework of comprehensive social and economic development represents a major concern for Islamic countries;

Aware of the necessity to foster close relations of cooperation and solidarity among the Islamic Institutions which are working for the consolidation of the Islamic Ummah;

Considering the effective role that could be played by an Agreement calling for efficient cooperation between the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Islamic Development Bank;

Referring to the Resolution N° BG/3/405 adopted at the 3rd session of the 9th annual meeting of the Board of Governors, on 13 Jomada I 1405/ 3 February 1985, and pertaining to the conclusion of a cooperation agreement between the Islamic bank and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

Recommends the signing, by these two institutions which share the same ideals, of an Agreement which should open up new prospects of fruitful cooperation;

- 2- Calls on the Director General to submit the document to ISESCO's second General Conference in Islamabad;
- 3- Recommends that the General Conference adopt the Organization's draft three-year budget 1405-1408 H/ 1985-1988.

DECISION
ON
THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISESCO
AND THE ARAB BUREAU OF EDUCATION
FOR THE GULF STATES

The Executive Council of ISESCO, meeting at its 5th session in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 9-13 Shaaban 1405 H/30 April – 4 May 1985,

Referring to the resolution of the Organization's first General Conference (Casablanca, Shaaban 1403/ June 1983) wherein the Conference,

1- Approves the principle of concluding an arrangement between the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Arab Bureau of Education or the Gulf States.

2- Entrusts the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization with making official contacts of this effect with the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States.

3- Calls on the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to sign this agreement, after submitting the full text of the accord to the Executive Council for approval".

Having taken note of the letter of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States N° 7/2853, dated 18/7/1405, whereby it advised of the decision of the 8th General Conference of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (Doha 3-6 Rajab 1405 H/ 24-27 March 1985) to agree as to a cooperation agreement between the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Bureau,

Having examined the full of the draft agreement between ISESCO and the Bureau,

Approves the signing of the agreement, by the Director General, on behalf of the Organization.

**RECOMMENDATION
PERTAINING TO
THE DOCUMENT ON OBSERVER STATUS IN ISESCO'S BODIES**

The Executive Council of ISESCO, meeting at its 5th session in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 9-13 Shaaban 1405 H/30 April – 4 May 1985,

Referring to the recommendation of the Executive Council, at its 4th session (Zul Hijja 1404 H/September 1984), pertaining to the elaboration of a document on the status of observer in the Organization's bodies,

Having taken note of the document N° CE5/85/SO, which was prepared by the Organization's General Directorate,

Considering Article 11 of ISESCO's Statute, pertaining to the functions of the General Conference,

Calls on the Director General to submit the above-mentioned document to the Organization's second General Conference, after introducing the amendments adopted by the Council and contained in the final report,

Recommends that the General Conference approve the proposals contained in the document.

**DECISION ON REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF
CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PERSONNEL REGULATIONS**

The Executive Council of ISESCO, meeting at its 5th session in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 9-13 Shaaban 1405 H/30 April – 4 May 1985,

Referring to Article 20, paragraph (c) of the Rules and Procedure of the Executive Council which provides for the Executive Council to amend the Personnel Regulations in case of emergency and pending adoption of the amendment by the General Conference,

Having examined document CE5/85/SP, presented by the Director General with a view to amending Articles: 1-16-23-24-26-30-32-33-35-38-40-46-47-48-55-56-58-60-62-63-78-79-83-96-107-108-109-110-121-122-124,

Considering the discussions which were held and the clarifications which were provided regarding the above document,

Approves the amendments in document CE5/85/SP, with the understanding that due consideration will be given to corrections of provision as mentioned in the final report of the Council,

Calls on the Director General to refer to the General Conference, for adoption, both the present amendments to the Personnel Regulations and those previously approved by the Council, at its 4th session,

Recommends the adoption of the above amendments by the General Conference.

RECOMMENDATION
ON
THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE
OF ISESCO'S DIRECTOR GENERAL

The Executive Council of ISESCO, meeting at its 5th session in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 9-13 Shaaban 1405 H/30 April – 4 May 1985,

Congratulates the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Pr. Abdelhadi BOUTALEB, for the praiseworthy efforts which have been made under his leadership for the promotion of Education, Science and culture in the Islamic World, ever since the establishment of the Organization,

Aware of the need to carry on the current efforts in all of ISESCO's areas of activity, for the purpose of serving the highest interest of the Muslim Ummah,

Unanimously recommends the renewal of the mandate of Mr. Abdelhadi BOUTALEB by the General Conference, at its meeting in Islamabad, Pakistan.