



**27th Session of the Executive Council
of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization -ISESCO-**

FINAL REPORT

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Final Report

The Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization -ISESCO- convened its 27th Session at the Permanent Headquarters of the Islamic Organization, on 12-13 Zul Qi'da 1427 A.H. / 4-5 December 2006. Attending and taking part in the session were the members of the Executive Council alongside their accompanying assistants, except for the representatives of the Republic of Benin, Republic of Djibouti, Republic of the Sudan, Republic of Surinam, Republic of Senegal, Sultanate of Oman, Republic of Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Cameroon, Republic of Lebanon and the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Annex 1: List of Executive Council members or their attending substitutes*).

1. The opening session was held in the presence of His Excellency Dr. Mabrouk Ali Ghaid, Secretary General of the Libyan National Commission for Education, Culture and Science and Chairman of the Executive Council of ISESCO, and His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Farchidi, Minister of Education in the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and President of the Eighth General Conference of ISESCO, made an address on that occasion.

The session was opened with recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. The floor was later held by H.E. Dr. Mabrouk Ali Ghaid, Chairman of the Executive Council. He welcomed the members of the Executive Council, and wished them success in their works. He underlined the importance of enhancing dialogue among cultures and civilizations and highlighting the common human values, and pointed out to the prior attention that should be focused on rising to the denigrating and hostile campaigns targeting Islam and Muslims. He called for an all-inclusive resurgence of the Islamic world premised on self-criticism and earnest, efficient action, the aim being to restore to the Ummah its outstanding status among nations. At the close of his address, Dr. Mabrouk Ali Ghaid expressed confidence in the success of the session and thanked his colleagues the members of the Executive Council for their kind cooperation. He tendered thanks and appreciation to the Director General for the immense efforts he has been exerting to develop the Organization and improve its performance.

2. Then, H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, made an address wherein he expressed first his happiness that ISESCO's permanent headquarters hosts for the first time a session of the Executive Council. The new headquarters constitutes indeed a source of pride for all and a major civilizational achievement to the Islamic Organization. Dr. Altwajri explained that this Twenty-Seventh Session of the Executive Council takes on particular importance in its being a prelude to the proceedings of the General Conference and as it comes at the end of the Organization's Three-Year Action Plan (2004-2006) and prior to the adoption of the new Action Plan (2007-2009). He said that the session takes place at a juncture when the Islamic Organization goes on consolidating its achievements and exploring new fields of action on the international plane, with the purpose of disseminating dialogue among cultures and civilizations and coexistence among peoples and nations.

ISESCO Director General expressed his conviction that the concerted action of the General Directorate, the General Conference and the Executive Council will definitely open up new horizons for the Organization to develop its working means, upgrade its performance and extend its scope of action.

He explained that the (2007-2009) Draft Action Plan, which was previously examined by the Executive Council, sets a precedent in the history of the Organization, as it is presented to the Council in its nearly-final version, at the penultimate session of the Three-Year Action Plan. He underlined that the Draft Action Plan draws on the proposals put forward by the Member States as well as the decisions and recommendations of the Executive Council, and the extensive experience of the General Directorate. Dr. Altwajri also commended the efforts of the Chairman and members of the Executive Council, and said that the Draft Action Plan is a fruit of the conjoint action of the General Directorate and the Executive Council.

3. Then the Council members and the participants went on a tour of the permanent headquarters. They praised the immense efforts exerted by the Director General for the construction of this remarkable civilizational edifice in a short period and at a suitable cost, and reiterated thanks to the Director General for the achievement made in this connection.
4. At the outset of the first working session, the Chairman of the Executive Council welcomed the Council's new members, representatives of the following states: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, State of Qatar, Republic of Benin, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Kingdom of Bahrain. Then, the Chairman presented the Draft Agenda and the Draft Programme of the 27th session of the Executive Council. Following their discussion, they were adopted in the version enclosed herewith (*Annexes 2 and 3*).

5. The Director General presented his report on **the activities of the Organization between the 26th and 27th sessions of the Executive Council**, and referred first to the inauguration of ISESCO permanent headquarters as the major event of this year, expressing his grateful thanks to their Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses, Kings, Presidents and Emirs of the Member States. He pointed to the methodology followed by the General Directorate in the implementation of activities for the current financial year, in light of the recommendations of the Executive Council, while keeping pace with regional and international mutations. He underscored that, during this year, ISESCO scheduled 494 activities in the fields of its competence (education, science, culture and communication, in addition to Arab, Islamic and international cooperation). Of these it implemented 417 activities, which accounts for 84.4% of the total programmed activities, hence recording a significant increase compared with the third year of the Action Plan (2001-2003) where only 334 activities were implemented. He added that a total amount of US\$ 11,106,636 was spent in the implementation of this year's activities, in which ISESCO share amounted to US\$ 4,490,300, while the contribution of cooperating parties reached US\$ 6.616.336.

The Director General stated that the Organization implemented, in this regard, 159 workshops and training sessions at the national and international levels. The Organization also convened, or took part in, 69 activities that covered specialized international and regional conferences, symposia, meetings and seminars, chief among which were the **Third Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research**, which adopted many strategies, including “**the Draft Action Plan on the Prevention of Migration of Scientific Competencies from the Countries of the Islamic World**”, and “**the Draft Strategy on the Promotion of University Education in the Islamic World**”. Likewise the Islamic Organization convened the **7th Meeting of the Consultative Council for Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World**, which approved a set of documents, mainly “**the Draft Strategy for Islamic cultural solidarity**”.

To highlight the richness and diversity of Islamic culture, the Islamic Organization pursued the implementation of its **programme on celebrating capitals of Islamic culture**. During this year, it celebrated **Aleppo, for the Arab region, Isfahan, for the Asian region, and Timbuktu, for the African region**, as capitals of Islamic culture for the year 2006, and carried out many educational, scientific, cultural and media-related activities.

In a bid to promote the efficient role it has been playing in regional and international spheres to foster dialogue and alliance of civilizations, ISESCO convened the **International Symposium on “Human Civilizations and Cultures: from Dialogue to Alliance**”. It also took part in the **Meeting of Culture Ministers in Arab States and South America**, the **International Conference on Dialogue**

between South and North Mediterranean, the Second World Congress of Imams and Rabbis for Peace, the International Symposium on Freedom of Education and Respect for Religions, the Second International Meeting on Alliance of Civilizations, etc.

The Islamic Organization has sustained its interest in Muslims and Muslim communities in the West. In this framework, it held the **7th Meeting of the Supreme Council for Education and Culture in the West**, and the **4th Meeting of Islamic Associations and Cultural Centres in South-East Asia and the Pacific**, as part of the implementation of the Strategy for Islamic Cultural Action in the West. The number of activities that benefited Muslim minorities and Muslims in the West reached 34 activities.

As part of the provision of technical and material assistance to governmental and non-governmental institutions and associations in the Member States, as well as to Muslims in other countries, ISESCO carried out 68 activities to grant technical and financial support to these institutions, and offered 96 scholarships.

To promote the position of ISESCO **at the international level**, the scope of Arab, Islamic and international cooperation has widened still, through signing of 8 new cooperation agreements during this year, which brings the number of cooperation agreements signed with international and regional organizations and bodies, until the end of November 2006, to 151 agreements. Likewise 80 joint commission meetings and coordination meetings with Arab, Islamic and international organizations were held.

In order to enhance **the role of ISESCO's Regional Offices**, the Organization has entrusted the Sharjah and Tehran offices with the implementation of seventy six (76) activities, thirty two (32) to the Sharjah Office, and forty four (44) to the Tehran Office. And being aware of the need to enlarge the scope of its radiance and to consolidate its position among the international organizations, a preliminary agreement has been reached with the Austrian government to open a regional office of ISESCO in Vienna.

In the conclusion of his presentation, the Director General lauded the Member States for their cooperation with the Islamic Organization, which it hopes to enhance materially and morally in order to serve the issues of education, science, culture and communication in the Member States.

- 6. During the discussions**, The Council's members extended their thanks and appreciation to Director General of the Islamic Organization, and praised the great achievements made between the 26th and 27th Council sessions. **The members' observations centred on the following:**

- To pursue efforts designed to promote dialogue among cultures and civilizations;
- To enhance literacy-related activities, particularly those targeting women;
- To devote more activities to environment protection and sustainable development in the Islamic world;
- To take additional interest in the programmes related to the implementation mechanisms of the Strategy for Bringing Islamic Madahibs Closer together;
- To call for an international symposium to redress educational curricula in the Islamic world;
- To carry on the Islamic Organization's action benefiting Muslims in the West, via the implementation of the Strategy for Islamic Cultural Action in the West;
- To give more attention to the activities and programmes pertaining to advanced science and scientific, technological research in the Islamic world;
- To dedicate more awareness-raising activities on the HIV/AIDS-related risks, and to participate in the relevant regional and international meetings;
- To give more attention to the development of original education in the Member States, to strengthen its position in the educational system, and to qualify staff working in this type of education;
- To invite the General Directorate to disseminate the results and recommendations of the major international conferences and symposia which ISESCO organizes among the competent authorities in the Member States so that they could derive benefit from them;
- To call upon the Islamic Organization to hold events to celebrate pioneering women in the Islamic world, in recognition of the role of women in the consolidation of sustainable development in the Member States;
- To call on the General Directorate to continue its efforts in countering the smear, hostile campaigns against Islam and the Islamic civilization, and to exploit the prominent international mass media to show the true tolerant image of Islam and to present ISESCO's achievements in this regard;
- To laud the Director General's efforts in refuting, in a scientifically-based approach, the accusations against Islam and Muslims;
- To devote activities to assist Member States in the strategic management of educational, scientific and cultural programmes;
- To invite the Islamic Organization to carry on its activities relating to the promotion of electronic education and the computerization of educational curricula in the Member States.

At the end of the discussions, **the Council approved the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Activities between the 26th and 27th Council Sessions**, while taking account of the observations and recommendations of the Council members. The Council recommended the 9th General Conference of ISESCO to adopt this report.

7. The Director General submitted his reports on **the role of ISESCO in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Palestine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Somalia, Afghanistan and Iraq**. They cover all activities and programmes implemented by the Organization for the benefit of these countries, according to their needs and conditions, and pursuant to the recommendations of the Executive Council and the General Conference which call for giving special attention to these countries in the programmes and activities of the Organization.

Afterwards, the Director General surveyed the activities implemented by the Organization with regard to Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine, in cooperation with the Palestinian National Commission for Education, Culture and Science, which substituted for the Organization in the implementation of those activities. He pointed out to the most important of those actions, such as the provision of material and technical support for the Palestinian educational institutions, the qualification of their staff and officials, mainly in the field of education of persons with special needs, in addition to the protection of archaeological landmarks and Islamic and Christian sanctities, and the granting of scholarships.

As to the activities geared to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Director General highlighted the limited character of the implemented activities because the Organization's General Directorate did not receive the required response from the competent parties in due course. He expressed the readiness and willingness of the General Directorate to promote cooperation and coordination with the Bosnian competent authorities in order to implement the relevant activities and programmes in the most appropriate conditions.

With regard to the support dedicated to educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Somalia, the Director General said that the Organization has assigned a number of teachers and educational experts to Somali schools as well as to the University of Mogadishu, has given material support to the Somali National Commission to help it develop its technical working means, and offered a number of scholarships to Somali students.

Concerning the activities geared to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, and given the specific nature of the reality of this country, and seeking to facilitate communication with the competent authorities in Afghanistan, ISESCO has

implemented, through its Tehran Regional Office, a number of activities for the benefit of Afghanistan. The most important of these include the creation of ten (10) reading centres, the provision of material and technical support to educational institutions interested in women education, the supply of office and audiovisual equipment to the Afghan National Commission, in addition to the organization of some training sessions on the education of the disabled.

In terms of the activities allocated to Iraq, the Director General explained that it was impossible for the General Directorate to implement activities in this country. Accordingly, the General Directorate, in coordination with the competent authorities, held a number of training sessions for the benefit of Iraqi researchers and experts in Damascus, Amman and Cairo, in architectural restoration, the administration of archaeological sites, and the documentation of museum assets. In addition to that, it provided the Iraqi National Commission with office equipment. In this regard, the Director General extended his thanks and appreciation to the competent authorities in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Arab Republic of Egypt for their cooperation with the Organization in implementing the activities geared to Iraq. He expressed his wishes that the Member States concerned with those activities restore their peace and stability in the shortest possible time.

8. During the discussions, the Council members commended the support which the Islamic Organization gives to the educational, scientific, cultural and informational institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Palestine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Somalia, Afghanistan and Iraq. **Their remarks centred on the following:**

- To call upon ISESCO to carry on with its efforts aimed to preserve Islamic archaeological landmarks in Afghanistan and train specialists in their restoration;
- To extend further support to the competent authorities in Afghanistan in the field of generalizing education and literacy;
- To call upon ISESCO to enhance cooperation with the Member States represented in the World Heritage Committee in order to coordinate their stances to stand up to the repeated Israeli attempts to obliterate Islamic landmarks in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and record them as Israeli sites on the World Heritage List;
- To stress the need to produce and distribute documentaries on the religious landmarks and historical monuments of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to publicize them internationally, in coordination with the ministries of culture and information in the Member States;
- To invite ISESCO to continue its efforts to sustain educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Iraq, Somalia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

At the end of its discussions, **the Council approved the Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Programmes and Activities Geared to Al-Quds Al-Sharif to Protect its Islamic Identity from Obliteration and Judaization, as well as the reports of the Director General on the role of ISESCO in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Somalia, Afghanistan and Iraq.** The Council recommended the 9th General Conference of ISESCO to adopt these reports.

9. The Director General presented his Report on the Programme of **ISESCO's Ambassadors for Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations**, wherein he stressed the interest ISESCO takes in this subject, pursuant to the provisions of ISESCO's Charter and drawing on the resolutions and decisions of the General Conference and the Executive Council as well as the recommendations of the Islamic conferences of culture ministers held by the Organization. The objective of the programme is to elaborate an Islamic vision to dialogue aiming at consolidating this concept, its methodological foundations and working mechanisms, through dedicating a number axes to this subject in the Organization's successive action plans.

Moreover, the Director General pointed out to the fact that ISESCO has been commissioned by the Islamic world to follow up the subject of dialogue among civilizations. In this regard, it held a large number of Islamic conferences and international symposia that yielded concrete results. In addition, the Organization has published an integrated set of studies and researches on dialogue among cultures and civilizations which touched upon the bases, mechanisms, fields and constituents of dialogue in Islam; one of these major publications is the "**White Book on Dialogue among Civilizations**", which was published in two editions in the three working languages. This book has become a reference document in specialized meetings. By the same token, ISESCO's efforts have culminated in the creation of honorary posts titled "**ISESCO's Ambassadors for Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations**". Accordingly, four ambassadors have been nominated so far and granted ISESCO's Medal, namely His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal, President of the Arab Thought Forum; His Excellency Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, former Prime Minister of Malaysia; His Excellency Mr. Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, former Director General of UNESCO; and Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva, President of Heydar Aliyev Foundation and Spouse of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. At the end of his presentation, the Director General gave an account of the functions of these Ambassadors, which they have accepted in principle. These functions include, among others, giving lectures in Islamic and international forums in order to highlight the Islamic values and principles related to dialogue among cultures and civilizations; offering counsel to ISESCO Director General and the Organization's statutory bodies on the most efficient mechanisms to elaborate an

Islamic vision in this connection; and proposing programmes and field projects in accordance with the Member States' needs and priorities.

During the discussions, the Council members commended the outstanding efforts exerted by the Director General to enhance dialogue and alliance among cultures and civilizations. Their observations focused on the following:

- To increase the number of ISESCO's Ambassadors for Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations so as to include eminent female personalities and celebrities in art and sport from the Islamic world, with a view to capitalizing on their widespread popularity in publicizing the Islamic perspective on dialogue among civilizations and cultures and ISESCO's efforts in this connection;
- To nominate Western non-Muslim personalities, specialized in media, intellectual, cultural and political fields and known for their sympathy with the Islamic world and its just causes, as ISESCO's Ambassadors for Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations;
- To invite the Council members to propose eminent personalities from the Member States to be nominated as ISESCO's Ambassadors for Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations.

At the end of its discussions, **the Council approved the Report of the Director General on the Programme of ISESCO's Ambassadors for Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations, and recommended the 9th General Conference of ISESCO to adopt this report.**

10. Then, the Director General presented the **Report on the Evaluation of the Organization's Action for the Years 2004-2006**. He emphasized the keenness of the General Directorate to improve the mechanisms of internal and external evaluation of programmes, activities and projects implemented under the Organization's action plans.

He further stated that this report includes two parts. The first one analyses the main achievements realized in the 2004-2006 Action Plan, whereas the second part features a qualitative and quantitative evaluation of implemented activities. He also underlined that this evaluation was based on the feedback of participants in and benefiting parties from the implemented activities, as well as on the information contained in the reports of the National Commissions and experts, and on the conclusions of field studies.

The Director General pointed out that **the quantitative evaluation** covered a total of 1252 implemented activities, representing 86% of the overall activities scheduled under the Organization's Action Plan for 2004-2006. He considered that this accomplishment illustrates the developed methods used in the implementation

of activities in comparison with the previous action plan. He added that being convinced of the need to expand the scope of international cooperation, the Organization has significantly increased its cooperation activities, which stand at 887 activities under the current plan compared with the previous one, during which 775 activities were scheduled.

As for **the qualitative evaluation** of activities, the Director General said that the General Directorate has paid a special care to the study of the field effects of implemented activities. The aim is to examine their efficiency, relevance and the adequacy of the implementation means. To this end, the General Directorate drew on the data of questionnaires of participants and National Commissions, reports drawn up by experts, and the reports of the benefiting parties. The General Directorate thus noted the appreciation and satisfaction expressed with regard to the implemented activities, taking into account the observations and opinions which expressed the need to develop the implementation means of some activities, expand their time frame and choose more appropriate venues for implementation.

11. During the discussions, the Council members expressed their thanks and gratitude for the Director General's special care to develop the evaluation methods of the activities, programmes and projects implemented by the Islamic Organization under its action plan for 2004-2006. **Their observations focused on the following:**

- To invite ISESCO to pursue the development of its website and step up its efforts in the field of electronic publishing of ISESCO's publications;
- To intensify cooperation and coordination with the competent parties in the Member States during the stages of activities' planning and evaluation to ensure the achievement of the sought objectives relative to the Member States' needs;
- To enhance the national evaluation operations of the activities implemented in the Member States, by adopting modern methods in the field of evaluation and training human resources in coordination with ISESCO.
- To give further attention to the qualitative aspect in devising programmes and activities, and to stress the necessity of developing qualitative evaluation mechanisms for these activities and training Member States' experts in this field;
- To invite ISESCO to concentrate on scheduling and implementing some pilot programmes, particularly in the field of literacy, taking into account ISESCO's material, technical and human capacities.

At the end of its discussions, **the Council approved the Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Evaluation of the Organization's Action, taking into consideration the observations and suggestions of the Council members, and recommended the 9th General Conference of the Organization to adopt this report.**

12. The Director General presented the Financial Report and Closing Accounts for the Financial Year 2005, which includes the closing accounts for the period between 1st January and 31st December 2005. He showed that the overall Member States' contributions received by the Organization during the year 2005 reached US\$ 13,481,193, of which US\$ 7,319,017 were paid for the financial year 2005. The collection rate stood at 53% of the total amount scheduled in the annual budget. He also highlighted that off-budget income totalled US\$ 527,193, in addition to US\$ 808,000 representing donations made by His Highness the Emir of the State of Qatar, the Ministry of Waqf and Islamic Affairs in the State of Kuwait, the World Islamic Call Society in the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the International Islamic Charitable Organization of the State of Kuwait and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, thanks to the intense, personal efforts of the Organization's Director General.

The Director General pointed out that as the majority of Member States have not paid their regular contributions to the budget, the Organization adopted a policy for the rationalization of expenditures within the limits of available resources, and according to the priorities and needs of the Member States, while taking into consideration the relevant observations of the Executive Council.

As to the actual expenditures during the previous year, the Director General explained that they stood at US\$ 8,288,713, of which an amount of US\$ 5,887,806 was dedicated to the implementation of support programmes and activities, at a rate of 71% of the overall expenditures.

The Report covered also the balance sheets and operating accounts, until 31 December 2005, for the End-of-Service Fund and the Medical Insurance Fund for ISESCO Staff.

13. The representative of the audit company presented the company's report on the Organization's accounts for the financial year 2005. He commended the accuracy of the accounting procedures and the soundness of the Organization's accounts. The report showed that the operating account is fully consistent with the books of the Organization, and noted no breach of the regulations that govern the operations of the Organization.

14. Then, the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee delivered the report of the Committee for the financial year 2005. He said that the Committee examined the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts of the Financial Year 2005, as well as the report of the audit company, which give thorough and clear information on the financial and administrative operations of the Organization as well as on its smooth administrative and financial running. He praised the qualitative and quantitative increase in the programmes carried out by ISESCO in

2005. He also thanked the Member States which have paid their contributions to the Organization's budget for the year 2005, and urged Member States that have not settled their contributions to benefit from the exemptions offered and pay up their contributions and arrears.

At the end of his presentation, the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee recommended the Executive Council to give its approval to delegating the Director General to sell the Organization's old headquarters and to invest the selling price in settling the amounts spent, in addition to the donations, in the construction of the new permanent headquarters.

15. During the discussions, the Council members expressed their satisfaction at the allocation of a high proportion of the Organization's budget to the implementation of programmes and activities, which totalled 71% of ISESCO's overall budget. In this respect, they thanked the personalities and parties having made donations to support the Organization, and hailed the efforts of the Director General to rationalize expenditure and his keenness to adhere to the recommendations of the Financial Control Committee and the audit company. Following the deliberations, **the Executive Council adopted the Financial Report of the Director General and the Closing Accounts for the Financial Year 2005, spanning from 1st January to 31st December 2005, the Report of the Audit Company, and the Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Year 2005. The Council agreed to refer these reports to the Ninth Session of the Organization's General Conference, and recommended it to adopt them.**

16. Then, the Director General gave his **Report on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization.** The report dealt with the situation of Member States' contributions to the Organization's budget from first January to 31 December 2005, including the preceding financial years. It considered also the situation of arrears and the efforts of both the Executive Council and the Director General to urge Member States to settle their contributions.

In this connection, the Director General reported that the contributions received during the year 2005 totalled US\$ 13,481,193, of which US\$ 7,319,017 were paid for the financial year 2005 and US\$ 6,162,175 represent contributions paid for the previous financial years.

The Director General added that the total amount of arrears since the inception of the Organization equal US\$ 73,848,074, whereas arrears for financial year 2005 amount to US\$ 6,439,724.

In line with the special attention and overriding priority which the Executive Council gives to this issue, the Director General pointed out to the tremendous

efforts he has made to urge Member States to pay their contributions and settle their arrears, as part of benefiting from the Resolution of the 8th General Conference on arrears exemption. Some states have positively responded to this Resolution, which has enabled the Islamic Organization to recover an amount of US\$ 12,429,538. The Director General proposed to extend for another two years the effect of the Resolution on facilitating settlement of Member States' arrears to the budget of the Organization.

17. After deliberations, **the Council approved the Report of the Director General on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization, and agreed on extending, for another two years until the end of 2008, the period of benefiting from the General Conference Resolution offering Member States facilitations in the payment of their financial arrears.** The Council extended its thanks to the Director General for his efforts to intensify contact with Member States to procure maximum contributions. It also called upon him to pursue coordination and consultation with Member States that have arrears, through the National Commissions and the members of the General Conference and the Executive Council, with the aim of recovering these arrears. **The Council agreed to refer the said report to the Ninth General Conference, while recommending it to adopt this report.**
18. Afterwards, the Director General presented his Report on **ISESCO's Permanent Headquarters**, wherein he underlined the construction works that were achieved between the previous and current sessions of the Council. He also enumerated the different stages of the project and the amounts spent thereon.

After deliberations, **the Council unanimously endorsed the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Permanent Headquarters.** It thanked the personalities having offered donations for the construction of the headquarters as well as the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for the procedural facilitations it has provided in this connection. It also hailed the immense efforts exerted by the Director General for the construction of this outstanding civilizational edifice, **and decided to form a commission from the Executive Council's member to propose names for conference halls and facilities of the headquarters, while taking into account the names of prominent personalities who made contributions towards the construction of the headquarters.**

In addition, the Council approved the measures taken for the sale of the Organization's old headquarters, and gave its consent to deposit the selling price in ISESCO's Reserve Fund.

19. The Director General presented **the document on the preparation of the 9th session of the General Conference**, which includes the Draft Agenda and Draft Programme of the session. Following deliberations, **the Council adopted the document in its proposed version.**
20. The Council decided to convene its Twenty-eight session during July 2007, at ISESCO's permanent headquarters in Rabat.
21. In the closing session, H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, the Director General of ISESCO made an address wherein he expressed his grateful thanks to the Council's members for their judicious opinions and practical suggestions, and congratulated them on the good outcome of this session. He also lauded the sincerest efforts made by H.E. the Chairman of the Council in running the working sessions, and thanked all the staff of the Organization and everyone who contributed to the success of this current session's proceedings.
22. Afterwards, H.E. Dr. Ali Mabrouk El Ghaid, the Chairman of the Executive Council of ISESCO, delivered an address in which he thanked the Council's members for their cooperation and praiseworthy contribution which helped to achieve the sought objectives, and hailed the efforts being deployed by H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri at the head of the Islamic Organization, together with his assistants, towards the promotion of the Organization's civilizational mission.



DECISIONS OF
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Decision on Item 1.1 of the Draft Agenda:

(Draft Agenda)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Articles (23-25) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Having considered the Draft Agenda of its 27th Session contained in document (CE27/2006/1.1 Provisional);
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following,

- Adopts the Agenda of its current 27th Session as contained in document (CE27/2006/1.1 Adopted) annexed to the Final Report of this Session.

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

The Executive Council,

- Recalling Decision (CE 26/2005/D.5.1) adopted by the Executive Council at its 26th Session (Rabat, 12-14/12/2005), whereby the Council decided to hold its 27th Session in December 2006 in Rabat, capital of the Kingdom of Morocco;
- Considering Decision (CE 27/2006/D.1.1) adopted by the Council regarding the Agenda of its current 27th Session;
- Having considered the Draft Programme of this Session contained in document (CE27/2006/1.2 Provisional);
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following,

- Adopts the Programme of its current 27th Session as contained in document (CE27/2006/1.2 Amended, Adopted) annexed to the Final Report of this Session.



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Decision on Item 2.1 of the Agenda:

**(Report of the Director General on the Organization's Activities
between the 26th and the 27th Executive Council Sessions)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (21), paragraph (a), of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Having considered the Report of the Director General on the Organization's Activities between the 26th and 27th Council Sessions, contained in documents (CE 27/2006/2.1) and (CE 27/2006/2.1 Addendum);
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General of ISESCO in this respect;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the observations and views put forward by the Executive Council members;

Decides the following:

Adopts the Report of the Director General on the Organization's Activities between the 26th and 27th Council Sessions as contained in documents (CE 27/2006/2.1) and (CE 27/2006/2.1 Addendum), taking into account the observations made by the Executive Council members.

Thanks the Director General and his assistants for their outstanding efforts in pursuing the implementation of programmes, rationalizing expenditure thereon, and

fulfilling as much as possible the needs of Member States and Muslim communities and minorities.

Commends the continuous efforts deployed by the Director General to broaden the areas of cooperation with international and regional organizations as well as with Islamic and Arab institutions, within the framework of programmes' implementation.

Lauds the efforts led by the Director General in refuting, in a scientifically-based approach, the accusations against Islam and Muslims.

Agrees to submit this report to the 9th General Conference, and recommends it to adopt the report.

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Decision on Item 2.2 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on
the Programmes and Activities Geared to Al-Quds Al-Sharif
to Protect its Islamic Identity against Obliteration and Judaization)

The Executive Council,

- Recalling the previous resolutions and decisions of the General Conference and the Executive Council about “the preservation of the Islamic identity of Al-Quds Al-Sharif against obliteration and Judaization”, in particular resolution (CG8/2003/R.2.3) adopted by the Eighth General Conference;
- Having considered Document (CE 27/2006/2.2) concerning “the Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Programmes and Activities Geared to Al-Quds Al-Sharif to Protect its Islamic Identity against Obliteration and Judaization”;
- Having surveyed the difficult conditions which the Palestinian people in Al-Quds Al-Sharif live under the criminal aggressions perpetrated by the Israeli occupation authorities against the Palestinian people in the Holy City and their attempts to obliterate and Judaize the Islamic identity of Al-Quds Al-Sharif;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the document (CE27/2006/2.2) concerning “the Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Programmes and Activities Geared to Al-Quds Al-Sharif to Protect its Islamic Identity against Obliteration and Judaization”.
2. Condemns the Israeli aggressions and desecration of Islamic sanctities and the destruction of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and in all Palestinian territories.
3. Thanks the Director General for his good implementation of the previous decisions regarding Al-Quds Al-Sharif as well as for his efforts and initiatives in this respect, and invites him to continue the implementation of the programmes and activities designed for the benefit of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif in order to protect its cultural identity and civilizational landmarks.
4. Invites the Member States to give an overriding priority to Al-Quds Al-Sharif in international meetings as part of defending its Arab and Islamic character, protecting its identity and supporting Palestinian national institutions.
5. Reaffirms its previous decisions regarding the situation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
6. Agrees to submit this report to the 9th General Conference, and recommends it to adopt the report.



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Decision on Item 2.3 of the Agenda:

**(Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006
on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Palestine)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of ISESCO's Charter;
- Recalling the previous resolutions of the General Conference concerning the support for educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine;
- Having considered the Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Palestine, contained in Document (CE27/2006/2.3);
- Having surveyed the difficult conditions which the Palestinian people live under the criminal aggressions perpetrated by the Israeli occupation authorities and the blockade imposed by these authorities on the Palestinian towns and their educational, scientific and cultural institutions;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Document (CE 27/2006/2.3) on “Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Palestine”.
2. Stresses the necessity to stop Israeli settlement activities and all criminal measures and practices perpetrated by Israeli occupation authorities in violation of international legality, and to take action to ensure the prevention of these measures and the dismantlement of the Israeli settlements pursuant to the relevant Security Council resolutions.
3. Thanks the Director General for his steady efforts in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine, and invites him to step up efforts with a view to supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine and giving them priority in the programmes of the 2007-2009 Action Plan and Budget.
4. Reaffirms the previous relevant decisions and resolutions of the Executive Council and the General Conference.
5. Agrees to submit the report to the 9th General Conference, and recommends it to adopt the report.



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Decision on Item 2.4 of the Agenda:

**(Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on
the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural
Institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of ISESCO's Charter;
- Recalling the previous decisions adopted by the Executive Council on "the role of ISESCO in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina";
- Having considered Document (CE27/2006/2.4) on "Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina";
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Document (CE 27/2006/2.4) on "Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina".
- Invites the Director General to draw up programmes geared to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and implement them within the framework of the programmes and activities of the Organization's Directorates.
- Agrees to submit this report to the 9th General Conference, and recommends it to adopt the report.



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Decision on Item 2.5 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006

**on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Institutions in Somalia)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of ISESCO's Charter;
- Recalling the previous decisions adopted by the Executive Council on “the role of ISESCO in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Somalia”;
- Having considered Document (CE27/2006/2.5) on “Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Somalia”;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Document (CE 27/2006/2.5) on “Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Somalia”.
- Reaffirms the previous relevant decisions and resolutions of the Executive Council and the General Conference.
- Thanks the Director General for his good implementation of those decisions and resolutions.
- Agrees to submit this report to the 9th General Conference, and recommends it to adopt the report.



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Decision on Item 2.6 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Afghanistan)

The Executive Council,

- Bearing in mind the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charters of the Organization of Islamic Conference and in the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;
- Recalling the final communiqué of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Putrajaya, Malaysia, 20-21 Sha'aban 1424 H, 16-17 October 2003);
- Recalling the final communiqué of the Thirty-third Session of the Islamic Conference of the Foreign Ministers and Baku Declaration adopted by the Islamic Conference of the Foreign Ministers, (Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, 19-21 June 2006);
- Recalling the previous decisions of the Executive Council on “the role of ISESCO in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Afghanistan”;
- Considering that the imposed war on the people of Afghanistan and the decades of conflict have caused massive loss of life, extensive human suffering, destruction of government and private properties, serious damage to the economic and social infrastructure, refugee flows and other forcible displacement of large numbers of people;
- Expressing its deep concern about the level of destruction of the institutions working in ISESCO's fields of competence (education, science, culture and communication);
- Having considered Document (CE27/2006/2.6) on “Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Afghanistan”;

- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the document (CE27/2006/2.6) on the “Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Afghanistan”.
- Greatly appreciates the assistance provided by ISESCO and the International Community for the Afghan people in response to continuing humanitarian needs and reconstruction of Afghanistan.
- Commends the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for the achievements towards democracy, nation building, rehabilitate and reactivate educational, scientific, cultural and communication institutions in the country.
- Invites the General Directorate to intensify assistance, within the framework of the Three-Year Action Plan and Budget of ISESCO for the years 2007-2009, to the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, in ISESCO’s fields of competence, and urge Member States and donors to contribute towards the reconstruction of educational, scientific, cultural and communication institution in Afghanistan.
- Recommends to the 9th Session of the General Conference that in view of the continued financial difficulties faced by the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, to waive Afghanistan from its contribution for the ISESCO’s Action Plan and Budget for the Years 2007-2009.
- Requests the General Directorate to update, in collaboration with the government of the Islamic republic of Afghanistan, the special overall programme prepared by ISESCO, in the light of the assistance to be provided by the Organization within the framework of its Plan of Action for 2007-2009 and submit a progress report to the next session of the Executive Council to this effect.
- Thanks the Director General for his good implementation of those decisions and resolutions.
- Agrees to submit this report to the 9th General Conference, and recommends it to adopt the report.



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Decision on Item 2.7 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006

on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Institutions in Iraq)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of ISESCO's Charter;
- Recalling the previous decisions of the Executive Council on "the role of ISESCO in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Iraq";
- Having considered document (CE27/2006/2.7) on "Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Iraq";
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Document (CE27/2006/2.7) on the "Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on the Role of ISESCO in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Iraq".
- Reaffirms the previous relevant decisions and resolutions of the Executive Council and the General Conference.

- Thanks the Director General for his good implementation of those decisions and resolutions.
- Agrees to submit this report to the 9th General Conference, and recommends it to adopt the report.



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Decision on Item 2.8 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General on the Programme of
ISESCO's Ambassadors for Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (21), paragraph (a), of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Having considered the document (CE 27/2006/2.8) presented by the Director General in this connection;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the views expressed;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the "Report of the Director General on the Programme of ISESCO's Ambassadors for Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations".
- Thanks the Director General for his efforts to bring this project into effect, and invites him to carry on coordination and consultation with the concerned parties.
- Invites the Director General to increase the number of ISESCO's Goodwill Ambassadors and to broaden the scope of their action so as to include the main areas pertaining to Member States' priorities and ISESCO's objectives and mission, and to present suggestions in this regard to the forthcoming sessions of the Executive Council and the General Conference.

- Agrees to submit this report to the 9th General Conference, and recommends it to adopt the report.



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Decision on Item 2.9 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General for the Years 2004-2006 on
the Evaluation of the Organization's Action)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the second operative paragraph of Decision (CE 12/91/D 2.5), adopted by the Executive Council at its twelfth session, which calls upon the Director General to present a regular report on the evaluation the Organization's action to the session of the Executive Council which immediately precedes the ordinary session of the General Conference;
- Taking into account, after having considered the evaluation of ISESCO's action in Document (CE27/2006/2.9), that the Director General has implemented the Council's decisions in the required way, by including in this document data concerning the external evaluation of programmes and activities implemented under the 2004-2006 Action Plan;
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the report of the Director General on the evaluation of ISESCO's action as contained in Document (CE27/2006/2.9), taking into consideration the observations made by the Council members.
- Praises the efforts of the Director General and his assistants in order to enhance the evaluation mechanisms of ISESCO's action, and invites him to pursue the consolidation of internal and external evaluation mechanisms, in such a way as to further promote the Organization's action.
- Invites the Member States to further cooperate with the General Directorate in order to develop the external evaluation operations conducted by ISESCO, and make available to it their experts within the framework of the implementation of the Action Plan's programmes and activities.
- Agrees to submit this report to the 9th General Conference, and recommends it to adopt the report.



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Decision on Item 2.10 of the Agenda:

(Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts,
Report of the Audit Company and Report of
the Financial Control Committee for Financial Year 2005)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the following:

* Articles (16) and (19) of the Charter;

* Articles (19-20-24-29) of the Financial Regulations;

* Article (21), paragraphs (b, c and d), of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;

- Having considered the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts, Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for Financial Year 2005, as contained in document (CE 27/2006/2.10);

- Having heard the clarifications provided by the Director General and his assistants in this connection;

- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the views expressed;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts, Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Committee for Financial Year 2005, as contained in document (CE 27/2006/2.10).
- Commends the efforts of the Director General in collecting financial resources, rationalizing expenditure and improving the working mechanisms, and invites him to continue his endeavours and carry on contacts with the donor parties with a view to obtaining maximum support for the Organization's activities.
- Approves the Financial Control Committee's recommendations concerning the management of the new Headquarters and the measures taken for the sale of the old one, in accordance with the administrative and legal procedures relative to the sale of the Organization's property, and gives its approval to deposit the selling price of the old Headquarters in ISESCO's Reserve Fund.
- Thanks all personalities and parties that have made donations in support of the Organization.
- Thanks the Financial Control Committee and the Audit Company for the preparation of the report.
- Agrees to submit this report to the 9th General Conference, and recommends it



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Decision on Item 2.11 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General on Member States)

Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing
the Financial Situation of the Organization)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (6) of the Financial Regulations;
- Recalling the previous relevant decisions and resolutions of the Executive Council and the General Conference of ISESCO, in particular the following:
 - * Resolution (CG 7/2000/R.2.5) adopted by the General Conference at its 7th Session (Rabat 22-24/11/2000), which invited the Director General to arrange special visits to the Member States with arrears in order to meet their officials, and to step up efforts with a view to urging Member States to settle their contributions and pay up their arrears;
 - * Decision (CE 24/2003/D.3.2) adopted by the Executive Council at its 24th Session (Tehran, 21-25/12/2003), whereby it adopted the Council's report on the criteria and modalities concerning the exemption of Member States with arrears from payment thereof;
 - * Resolution (CG8/2003/R.3.2) adopted by the 8th General Conference (Teheran, 27-29/12/2003);
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General in this respect;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the views expressed;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Report of the Director General on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization, as contained in Document (CE 27/2006/2.11).
- Invites the Director General to further coordination, consultation and contacts with the Member States with arrears, through the members of the General Conference and the Executive Council as well as through the National Commissions, with a view to collecting the arrears and agreeing on practical mechanisms for the payment thereof, in accordance with the relevant decisions and resolutions adopted by the General Conference and the Executive Council.
- Reaffirms the above-mentioned decisions and resolutions adopted by the General Conference and the Executive Council in this connection.
- Thanks the Member States having responded to the resolutions and decisions of the General Conference and the Executive Council, whereby facilitations concerning the payment of Member States' arrears to the Organization were adopted.
- Agrees to extend the effect of the General Conference Resolution offering facilitations in the settlement of arrears to the coming two years in order to encourage Member States which have not benefited yet from the said Resolution.
- Expresses thanks and appreciation for the Director General in recognition of his efforts to step up contacts with the Member States in order to collect maximum contributions, as well as for his efforts to promote cooperation with international organizations to secure further support for the Organization's activities and programmes.
- Agrees to submit this report to the 9th General Conference, and recommends it to adopt the report.



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Decision on Item 2.12 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General on
ISESCO's Permanent Headquarters)

The Executive Council,

- Recalling the previous relevant decisions and resolutions of the Executive Council and the General Conference, in particular the Decision (CE 26/2005/D.2.4) adopted by the Executive Council at its 26th session;
- Having considered the "Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Permanent Headquarters" contained in document (CE 27/2006/2.12);
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Permanent Headquarters, as contained in document (CE 27/2006/2.12).
- Thanks the personalities who have made donations for the construction of the permanent headquarters.
- Thanks the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for the procedural facilitations it has provided for the construction of ISESCO's permanent headquarters.
- Praises the immense efforts exerted by the Director General for the construction of this remarkable civilizational edifice in a short period and at a suitable financial cost, and

reiterates thanks to the Director General and his assistants for the achievements they have made in this connection.

- Forms a commission from the Executive Council to propose names for the conference halls and facilities of the permanent headquarters, while taking into account the names of the prominent personalities who made contributions towards the construction of the headquarters.



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Decision on Item 3.1 of the Agenda:

(Preparation of the 9th General Conference Session)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (21), paragraph (g), of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Having considered the Draft Agenda and the Draft Programme of the General Conference;

Decides the following:

1. Approves the Draft Agenda and the Draft Programme as contained in documents (CG9/2006/1.2) and (CG9/2006/1. 3).



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Decision on Item 3.2 of the Agenda:

(Date and Venue of the 28th Executive Council Session)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of Article (10) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, whereby the Council sets, during each one of its Sessions, the date and venue of the following session;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- Convenes the Twenty-eighth Session of the Executive Council in the first week of July 2007 at ISESCO's Permanent Headquarters in Rabat.