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The Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) held its 30th session, with the help and grace of Allah, in Tunis, on 4-6 Rajab 1430 A.H. / 27-29 June 2009, as part of the celebration of Kairouan as Islamic Culture Capital for the year 2009. Attending and taking part in this session were the members of the Council and their accompanying delegations, except for the representatives of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of the Sudan, the Republic of Surinam, the Republic of Somalia, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Kyrgyzstan and the Republic of Yemen.

1. The opening session was presided over by His Excellency Dr Boubakar Doukouré, Chairman of ISESCO Executive Council, in the presence of His Excellency Dr Hatem Ben Salem, Minister of Education and Training of the Tunisian Republic, President of the National Commission for Education, Science and Culture, alongside H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO).
2. After recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, Dr Hatem Ben Salem made an address in which he welcomed the members of the Executive Council, on behalf of the Tunisian government, wishing them full success in their proceedings. He expressed appreciation and satisfaction to H.E Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri for his cordial relations with Tunisia, and congratulated him on the accomplishments ISESCO has been achieving in all its programmes and activities. Besides, Dr Ben Salem stressed that it was a cause of pride for the Tunisian Republic to play host to the 30th Executive Council and 10th General Conference sessions. He described both events as having great significance, all the more as they coincided with the festivities marking the celebration of Kairouan as the 2009 Islamic Culture Capital. He explained that not only is this a strong testimony to the Tunisian Republic's outstanding contribution to the efforts led by ISESCO towards the joint Islamic action, but it also speaks volumes for the relevance of the core principles underlying the November 7th Change initiated by His Excellency Mr Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, President of the Tunisian Republic.

H.E the Minister added that the steady progress being achieved by ISESCO in its pursuit of the goals set forth in its successive action plans is a shining evidence of the ability of joint action, when based on firm foundations and prospective planning, to materialize major development goals, boost education, science,

technology, culture, information and communication sectors, and thus build the knowledge society. Such are actually the main components of ISESCO's Three-Year Action Plan 2010-2012.

In addition, the Tunisian Education Minister commended the invaluable work carried out by ISESCO Executive Council in preparation for the 10th General Conference session, which he said will be "an outstanding session by all standards". At the close of his address, Dr Ben Salem congratulated the Executive Council members on their deep devotion to their noble duties.

3. The floor was then held by H.E. Dr Boubakar Doukouré, Chairman of the Executive Council of ISESCO. He started by expressing pleasure at holding the 30th session of the Executive Council in the Tunisian Republic, and lauded the clear-sighted vision underlying the great revival being witnessed by the Tunisian Republic under the leadership of H.E. the Tunisian President. Dr Boubakar Doukouré pointed out the key importance of the documents examined by the 30th Executive Council session (most notably the Report of the Director General on the Organization's Activities for 2008, and the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts, Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee). He explained that they stand as clear testimony to the fine record of achievement registered by ISESCO in the implementation of the three-year Action Plan (2007-2009). He said that this is further evidence of the Director General's high level of performance and genuine commitment to the noble, heavy duties assigned to him. He also described the effectively transparent and rationalized financial policy followed by ISESCO as an equally important tool in expanding its message and strengthening its role in promoting dialogue, coexistence, understanding and peace far and wide. At the close of his address, Dr Doukouré said he was hopeful that the Executive Council, as part of the huge responsibilities assigned to it, would help further ISESCO's stated objectives. He also emphasized the need to step up efforts to help discharge the noble mission of ISESCO.
4. In his address, ISESCO Director General said he was pleased that the 30th session of the Executive Council took place, with generous support from H.E. Tunisian President Mr Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, on the occasion of the festivities marking the celebration of Kairouan as the Arab Region's 2009 Islamic Culture Capital.

Dr Altwajri pointed out that the 30th Executive Council session differs from previous sessions in that it examined a major civilizational project, namely the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for the Years (2010-2012) which, he stressed, gives strong evidence that ISESCO is making a quantum leap forward. Another distinctive aspect about this session, Dr Altwajri added, is that it was held

at a decisive turn in the history of international relations. This, he said, adds to the great responsibility shouldered by ISESCO, and further accentuates the importance of joint Islamic action, inside and outside the Muslim world.

Dr Altwaijri also explained that the formidable track record made under the three-year Action Plan 2007-2009 is sufficient proof that ISESCO is heading in the right direction. He said that this has enabled ISESCO to position itself as a major reference at the regional and international levels, thus setting an inspiring example in the field of joint Islamic action. Dr Altwaijri attributed this commanding success achieved by ISESCO to the grace of Allah Almighty, and also to the support of all the Member States. He also commended the role exerted by the Executive Council in this regard.

H.E. the Director General pointed out that the 30th Executive Council session was held amidst increasing international and regional challenges to the Muslim world. He expressed his conviction that this situation could be addressed only through commitment to excellence in science and technology, and through advancing human civilization, based on high-quality education that shapes peoples' minds and souls. This, he said, is a collective, civilizational mission that should be discharged in the best level of performance possible.

At the end of his address, H.E. the Director General explained that the great work undertaken by ISESCO is an effective response to the various forms of aggression aimed at the Muslim Ummah, its religion, its culture and its civilization, and the obstacles undermining Muslim societies' stability, as well as their intellectual, cultural, and spiritual security.

5. At the beginning of the first working session, H.E. the Chairman of the Executive Council welcomed the new members of the Executive Council, namely the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Cameroon, the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Republic of Yemen. He also congratulated H.E Dr Ibraheem Bin Mubarak Al-Juweir, the representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Executive Council, on his appointment as member of the Kingdom's Majlis Al Shura. Thereafter, he presented the Draft Agenda and Programme of the 30th session of the Executive Council, which were discussed and adopted.
6. The Director General then presented the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Activities in 2008. At the beginning of his presentation, he said that the activities implemented during the reported period testify to ISESCO's compliance with the recommendations of the 9th General Conference and the 29th Executive

Council sessions. He also said that those activities reflect ISESCO's observance of the constant principles of the Islamic value system, together with its commitment to serving humanity's causes and promoting world peace and security, through its strong presence in the forums dedicated to equal cultural and civilizational dialogue with the Other.

The Director General underlined that in 2008 the Organization scheduled 500 activities in the fields of education, science, culture, communication and information. Out of these, he explained, 452 educational, scientific and cultural activities were implemented, which accounts for 90% of the activities programmed, thus marking a notable increase compared with the first year of the Action Plan 2007-2009, during which 422 of the scheduled activities were carried out.

He added that the implemented activities spanned the different fields of action of the Organization, its directorates and its specialized divisions, thus totaling 145 activities in education, 137 in science and 170 in culture and communication.

He further explained that in these various educational, scientific and cultural areas, ISESCO implemented 150 national and regional workshops and training sessions in the interest of 2150 trainers, teachers, counselors, experts, administrative staff and civil society officials in the Member States and among Muslim communities outside the Muslim world. In the same vein, he said that ISESCO has conducted and participated in 143 major activities, namely international and regional specialized conferences, symposia, meetings and seminars. Among the most important of those events, he cited the 3rd Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers which the Organization held at its headquarters in Rabat, between 29 and 30 October 2008, on the theme "Towards Mitigating the Impact of Climate Change in Islamic States"; the 4th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research, held in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan, over the period of 6-8 October 2008 on the theme "Bringing Change through Scientific Youth Force"; and the International Conference on Youth Issues in the Islamic World: Present and Future Challenges, held in Tunis in November 2008.

Furthermore, he stated that the Organization pursued its care for ISESCO academic chairs, particularly the university chairs on education in the values of dialogue and the culture of peace. It equally continued to award its annual prizes in the various educational, scientific and cultural fields to individuals, institutions and organizations within Member States.

With regard to the enforcement of the resolutions of the previous sessions of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, the Director General said that ISESCO

pursued the implementation of its programme on celebrating Islamic culture capitals. During the year 2008, the Organization celebrated Alexandria as capital of Islamic culture in the Arab region, and carried out several relevant educational, scientific, cultural and media-related activities in the city. The Organization has also continued catering for Muslim communities and minorities outside the Islamic world. In this regard, it held the regular meetings of the Supreme Council for Education, Science and Culture outside the Islamic World and the meetings of the Heads of Islamic Associations and Cultural Centres in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Furthermore, the Director General pointed out that the Organization provided 94 means of support, technical and material, and offered 62 scholarships to students from Member States and Muslim communities outside the Islamic world. It also dispatched 23 Arabic language and Islamic culture teachers to the universities and Arab Islamic educational institutions in a number of states in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The Director General stated that, in a bid to expand cooperation and partnership with regional and international organizations, ISESCO signed 17 new agreements and protocols in 2008, which brings the number of cooperation agreements and protocols signed with international, regional, Arab and Islamic organizations and bodies to 175. He also said that ISESCO continued consolidating cooperation and partnership relations with the national commissions and competent parties in the Member States. In this regard, ISESCO held 4 training sessions for 60 staff members of the national commissions.

In addition, the Director General stated that the Organization continued benefiting from the technical capabilities and modern equipment of its digital printing unit to release its new publications which totaled 36 books and studies in 2008 and were posted on the internet in full-text format and in the Organization's three working languages.

At the end of his presentation, the Director General expressed the Organization's aspiration to realize further achievements for Member States and its keenness to go further in the promotion of its civilizational mission. He also hailed the cooperative efforts exerted by Member States, which ISESCO aspires to enhance at the moral and material levels in order to address the issues of education, science, culture and communication and contribute to consolidating the bases of social security, peace and progress in the Islamic world, as well as at the global level.

7. During the discussions on ISESCO's Activities between the 29th and 30th Council Sessions, the observations of the Council members focused on what follows:

- To highly commend the overall typesetting of the report and the high-quality presentation of its content;
- To praise ISESCO's implemented activities whose broad scope covered the different parts of the world and whose contents and objectives were marked by their rich diversity;
- To hail the efforts exerted by the Director General to promote dialogue and alliance of civilizations and respect for cultural diversity, and invite him to sustain his action to this end in cooperation and coordination with specialized international organizations, towards promoting the Islamic culture in international arena;
- To commend the approach adopted by General Directorate in boosting the role of Regional Offices in implementing a number of activities, and invite it to further its action in this connection;
- To commend the qualitative progress achieved by ISESCO in respect of its programmes in the areas of science, technology, the teaching of the Arabic language to non-native speakers, and the safeguarding of the Islamic heritage in Member States, and call on the General Directorate to continue its efforts in these and other fields;
- To invite the General Directorate to standardize criteria concerning the duration of training activities in Member States towards maximum benefit and optimal achievement of the sought-after objectives;
- To improve the mechanisms of external evaluation of the activities implemented and their impact on the ground, while specifying, in the Director General's report, the difficulties encountered in the implementation of some activities;
- To ensure optimal benefit for all Member States from the Organization's activities and programmes;
- To apprise the Council of the provisions of the agreements concluded between ISESCO and specialized institutions in order to take advantage of the possibilities they offer in terms of multilateral partnership;
- To invite ISESCO to draw up regular reports on the results achieved in such educational, scientific, cultural and communication issues as spreading the Arabic language among non-native speakers, protecting Islamic heritage, combating illiteracy, promoting science and technology, and fostering inter-cultural dialogue and cultural diversity;

- To give further attention to the immunization of youth's cultural identity through dedicating mutual training activities to enhancing expertise and knowledge in this field;
 - To call on the General Directorate to coordinate with the Member States' competent authorities to establish institutions for training in Islamic culture, further publicize Islamic architecture and heritage, and develop relevant school manuals;
 - To give greater attention to the planning and implementation of major activities at the regional and international levels, in cooperation with specialized institutions and organizations, for the benefit of all Member States.
- 8.** The Council members also extended their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Director General and his assistants for their outstanding efforts in following up the implementation of programmes and rationalizing expenditure, while taking into account the pressing needs of the Member States as well as of the Muslim communities and minorities, and for the implementation of activities geared to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Republic of Somalia and the Republic of Iraq. They also praised the steady efforts being exerted by the Director General to expand the areas of cooperation with regional and international organizations as well as with Arab and Islamic institutions towards the implementation of the programmes scheduled.

Thereafter, the Council approved the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Activities for the year 2008, and agreed to refer it, with a recommendation for approval, to the 10th General Conference of ISESCO.

- 9.** Then, the Director General presented his Report for the Years 2007-2009 on ISESCO's Role in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine. This report provides an account of all educational, scientific, cultural and information activities which ISESCO implemented under its 2007-2009 Action Plan for the benefit of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine, as part of its responsibility with regard to the protection of Islamic sanctities in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and pursuant to the Executive Council and the General Conference relevant decisions and resolutions.

He also pointed out in his presentation that the Organization scheduled a set of programmes and activities to this end which allowed for the promotion of the efforts deployed by the competent authorities in the State of Palestine in the fields of education, science and culture, as part of contribution to countering the judaization campaigns, and the Israeli racist policy aimed at oppressing and

deporting Al-Quds populations, as well as at obliterating Islamic landmarks and distorting the Islamic heritage and culture in the holy city.

In the same vein, the Director General pointed out that ISESCO's efforts were further stepped up at the legal level through the legal documentation of horrendous Israeli war crimes committed against the Palestinian people and their cultural heritage. In this regard, he explained that the Organization held the International Conference on "Israel: War Crimes and Genocide" which set up a task force entrusted with the preparation and follow-up of lawsuits against the Israeli occupation authorities for the war crimes and crimes against humanity which targeted the places of worship in Palestine and the cultural properties as well as the civilizational landmarks and historical monuments which represent the cultural and spiritual heritage of the Palestinian people. These lawsuits will be filed in the International Criminal Court and the national courts having international criminal jurisdiction.

At the close of his presentation, the Director General expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Palestinian National Commission for Education, Culture and Science and its Secretary General for the efforts exerted to maintain close contacts with the General Directorate of ISESCO towards maximum benefit from the Organization's activities and optimal achievement of the sought-after objectives.

10. During the discussions, the Council members commended the support extended by ISESCO to educational, scientific, cultural and information institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine. They also praised the Director General's outstanding role in safeguarding the Islamic cultural identity in Al-Quds and Palestine, and his intensive efforts to counter the judaization campaigns directed by the Israeli occupation authorities to obliterate the cultural identity of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and altering its civilizational landmarks. The Council members also lauded the Director General for his endeavours towards the prosecution, before the International Criminal Court and the national tribunals with international criminal jurisdiction, of the persons responsible for the crimes of war perpetrated against the Palestinian people. The Council members' remarks and recommendations in this regard focused on what follows:

- To call upon ISESCO to sustain its efforts aimed at preserving Islamic archaeological landmarks in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and training specialists in their restoration;
- To dedicate further activities and programmes for the support of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine, under ISESCO's Three-Year Action Plan for the years 2010-2012;

- To call on ISESCO to work out an awareness-raising programme to keep the memory of Al-Quds Al-Sharif alive in the minds and souls of the children and the youth, through publishing booklets on the history of Al-Quds and Palestine, and producing relevant media and other publicizing material;
- To call on the Director General to urge the Member States and Islamic donors to sponsor the project on the restoration of the dwellings of Al-Quds inhabitants, the ultimate purpose being to counter the measures taken by the Israeli occupation authorities to systematically demolish those buildings;
- To invite the Director General to work towards establishing a cultural house for the Muslim world in Al-Quds Al-Sharif bearing the name “ISESCO Palace”.

Following discussions, the Executive Council adopted the Report of the Director General for the Years 2007-2009 on ISESCO’s Role in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, while taking into consideration the Executive Council members’ observations. It also condemned the ongoing aggression on Islamic sanctities as well as acts of destruction wrought by Israel against educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine. In this regard, the Executive Council called on the Director General to step up efforts to promote educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine, and expressed support for his efforts to stand up for the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and for Palestine. The Executive Council also called on the Member States to reject the proposals of the Israeli occupation authorities to put Al-Quds Al-Sharif’s sites on its tentative list for inclusion in the World Heritage List, and work towards removing those proposals from all UNESCO documents. The Council agreed to submit the report, with a recommendation for approval, to the General Conference.

- 11.** On the occasion of the peaceful settlement, through international mediation, of the political crisis in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, with all the positive impact this will have on the educational, scientific and cultural situation in the country, the Executive Council called on the General Conference to address a message of congratulation to the relevant parties in Mauritania, along with a message of thanks to the International Contact Group (ICG) for its efforts in this regard.
- 12.** Afterwards, the Director General presented his Report for the Years 2007-2009 on the Evaluation of the Organization’s Action. He explained that the activities, programmes and projects scheduled and implemented during the reported period were inspired by the Organization’s value system; its strategic orientations; its educational, scientific, cultural and communication strategies; and its fine record of

achievement over 27 years. In this connection, he also stressed that ISESCO has been acting in full compliance with the recommendations of the Executive Council and the resolutions of the General Conference.

The Director General also stressed that such considerable achievements are attributed first to the grace of Allah, and then to the cooperative action and active role of the National Commissions for Education, Science and Culture in the Member States in carrying out the Organization's activities and programmes. He expressed satisfaction with the successful policy of international and regional cooperation adopted by the Organization in the implementation of the programmes of its three-year Action Plan for 2007-2009.

Quantitative evaluation, the Director General explained, showed that out of a total of 1453 activities programmed under the Action Plan for 2007-2009, 872 were carried out in the first two years, representing a 35.40% increase compared with the same period under the previous three-year Action Plan. This stands as a clear testimony to the high standard of performance put in by the General Directorate and ISESCO regional offices in the implementation of the programmes, activities and projects scheduled. These included international and regional conferences and symposia; scientific meetings and forums; experts' meetings, roundtables and seminars; as well as training sessions and workshops. Action in this regard also included awards and research grants; providing support; holding festivals, exhibitions and camps; support for a number of educational, cultural and university institutions in the Islamic countries; dispatching teachers; authoring, translating and publishing of books as well as educational, scientific and cultural studies; establishment of ISESCO University Chairs; and other important activities implemented under the current Action Plan.

As for qualitative evaluation, the Director General said that the General Directorate has paid special care to continue measuring the field impact of the activities implemented under the present Action Plan. The aim is to examine their efficiency and relevance as to the needs and expectations of the Member States, as well as their interaction with the international mutations and new challenges. To this end, the General Directorate drew on various evaluation mechanisms and tools, particularly the data provided in the questionnaires addressed to the competent authorities in the Member States, wherein they included their assessment of the activities conducted by ISESCO within their respective countries. These include also the feedback provided by the participants in the questionnaires addressed to them, as well as in the reports of the benefiting and cooperating parties in the Member States or outside the Islamic world, and those drawn up by the experts having supervised the said activities. Based on this feedback, the General Directorate has noted the appreciation and satisfaction expressed by the relevant

parties with regard to the policy it has been adopting and the activities it has implemented between 2007 and 2008, and over the first half of 2009.

In the same vein, the Director General pointed out that those questionnaires and reports provided constructive observations and proposals calling, inter alia, for constantly renewing the content and objectives of the activities conducted by ISESCO in certain rapidly evolving areas, as well as for broadening the scope of participation and increasing the duration of the training sessions and workshops.

The Director General also explained that the General Directorate has started examining those proposals in a bid to derive inspiration from them and consider ways to respond to them. This reflects the General Directorate's awareness of the importance of the said proposals and its eagerness to build on them for developing the working methods of the Organization, enhancing the content of its future action plans and achieving its objectives.

13. During the discussions, the Council members expressed their thanks and gratitude for the outstanding efforts being made by the Director General to develop the methods of evaluating ISESCO's programmes and its activities scheduled and implemented under its Action Plan for 2007-2009. Their observations focused on what follows:

- To commend the accurate and comprehensive evaluation contained in the report, its improved method and content, its reliance on effective and varied assessment mechanisms and tools, and invite the General Directorate to use modern and data show techniques in presenting the evaluation report in the forthcoming sessions of the Council.
- To praise the rigor ISESCO has shown in conducting its activities, particularly through boosting the role of the National Commissions in their implementation, and laud the proficiency of the General Directorate's representatives and ISESCO regional offices in terms of their direct, field supervision of those activities, and the special attention the Director General gives to attending the major ones among them.
- To invite the General Directorate to channel efforts into enhancing the Member States' access to the latest information and communication technologies, as well as developing their environment protection infrastructures, drawing maximum benefit from the Muslim competencies outside the Islamic world, and aligning the educational system with the requirements of the digital, technological revolution.

- To highly commend the approach adopted by ISESCO in the implementation, under its Action Plan for 2007-2009, of a set of major activities, particularly the specialized ministerial conferences on higher education and scientific research, culture, the environment and children.
- To acclaim the activities implemented by ISESCO in the various educational, scientific and cultural fields, particularly those aimed at safeguarding the Islamic heritage, expanding scientific research, fostering intercultural dialogue, boosting environmental, health and population education, and developing child culture, in such a way as to meet the requirements of sustainable development in the Member States.
- To call on the Organization to increase the number of activities aimed at building the capacities of the national human resources in its fields of competence, and strengthen cooperation in this regard between the Member States and with the non-member states, in order to encourage experience sharing.
- To affirm the Organization's autonomy in discharging its duties and functions, in accordance with its Charter and the internal regulations of its top statutory organs, as well as in organizing Islamic ministerial conferences, specialized in the areas of culture, higher education and scientific research, the environment, and childhood, and to laud the outstanding achievements being fulfilled by ISESCO through such conferences.

After deliberations, the Council adopted the Director General's Report on the evaluation of the Organization's action in 2007-2009, taking into account the observations of the Council members. It also called on the Member States to further cooperate and positively respond to the external evaluation operations conducted by the Organization as part of the implementation of the programmes and activities scheduled under its Action Plan. Moreover, the Council invited the Director General to submit a report on the evaluation of ISESCO's action in 2010-2012 to the 33rd Executive Council and the 11th General Conference sessions. The Council also agreed to submit the said report, with a recommendation for approval, to the 10th General Conference.

14. In a decision on the areas of competence of the Organization and the functions of its statutory organs, the Council re-affirmed the competence of the General Conference and the Executive Council to supervise, coordinate and evaluate the Organization's action and activities under its Charter and Internal Regulations. It also re-affirmed its support for the commissioning of ISESCO to hold specialized ministerial conferences in the fields of culture, higher education and scientific research, the environment, and childhood, in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat. The Council agreed to submit the decision to the 10th General Conference for approval.

15. The Director General presented the Financial Report and Closing Accounts for Financial Year 2008, which includes the closing accounts of the period between 1 January and 31 December 2008. He explained that the overall contributions received from the Member States for the financial year 2008 totaled US\$ 9,771,656 of which US\$ 7,092,611 were collected as part of the contributions scheduled for the year 2008, and that the collected contributions represent 51.77% of the amount scheduled in the annual budget estimated at US\$ 13,700,151.

The Director General also stated that the off-budget resources collected in 2008 totaled an amount of **US\$ 827,789** consisting of bank proceeds, miscellaneous contributions, exchange difference and other resources. In addition, the Organization received a number of donations amounting to **US\$1,030,096**, including a support of **US\$ 481,804** from the World Islamic Call Society (WICS) of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, for the implementation of the Arabic language teaching programme in the African Sahel; a support of **US\$ 400,000 provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the 3rd Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers**; a support of **US\$ 115,957** from the Republic of Azerbaijan for the 4th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and a support of **US\$ 32,335** from the UNDP for the implementation of various programmes. These additional resources were obtained thanks to the extensive personal contact made by the Director General.

16. The Rapporteur of the Financial Control Committee then presented the Report of the Committee for the Financial Year 2008. He explained that the Committee examined the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for 2008 and the Report of the Audit Company on the Accounts of the Organization for Financial Year 2008, and noted that these reports provide a full and clear idea about the income and expenditure of the Organization in 2008. The Committee commended the General Directorate's financial policy and the efforts undertaken by the Director General to obtain additional financial resources for the implementation of the activities scheduled under the financial year 2008. Furthermore, the Committee thanked in its report the Member States having settled

their contributions and arrears to the budget of the Organization in 2008, and exhorted those with unsettled contributions to pay them up. In this regard, the Committee recommended to the Executive Council and General Conference of ISESCO to extend for two more years (2009-2010) the duration of the easy terms of payment of arrears for the benefit of the Member States having not benefited from them. In a bid to benefit from new expertise and derive further benefit in this regard, the Committee also recommended that a new audit company accredited according to the recognized standards be hired as from 2009.

17. During the discussions, the Executive Council members expressed satisfaction with the allocation of a large portion of the Organization's budget for the implementation of programmes and activities, accounting for 62% of the total expenditure. They also expressed appreciation for the Director General's keen efforts to rationalize expenditure, and comply with the recommendations of the Financial Control Committee and the Audit Company.

After discussions, the Executive Council approved the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts, the Report of the Audit Company, and the Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Year 2008. It commended the Director General's efforts in collecting financial resources, rationalizing expenditure and enhancing the Organization's working mechanisms, and invited him to continue his endeavors and fruitful efforts to obtain further support for the Organization's activities.

In addition, the Executive Council thanked all personalities and parties having made donations to support the Organization. It also thanked the Financial Control Committee and the Audit Company for preparing the report. Afterwards, the Council agreed to submit this report, with a recommendation for approval, to the 10th General Conference.

18. Afterwards, the Director General presented his Report on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization for the Year 2008. He explained the situation of the contributions obtained from Member States and arrears accrued in 2008 and previous financial years. He also pointed out the efforts of the Executive Council and the Director General in urging Member States to settle their contributions to the Organization's budget, following up the implementation of the resolutions of the 8th and 9th General Conference sessions regarding the easy terms of exemption of arrears. The Director General also explained that the contributions collected during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2008 reached US\$ 9,777,656, of which an amount of US\$ 7,092,611 was obtained for financial year 2008, and US\$ 2,679,045 representing contributions paid for previous financial years. There is also an amount of US\$ 137,001.51 relative to the contribution paid by the Republic

of Kazakhstan in advance for financial year 2009, and US\$ 86,255.87 representing the contribution paid by the Republic of Senegal in advance for 2009. The Director General explained that the funds collected as part of Member States' contributions for 2008 stand below the Organization's annual budget estimate of US\$ 13,700,151, thus accounting only for 51.77% of this overall budget amount.

As for contributions in arrears, the Director General stated that they reached US\$ 72,887,325 from the date of the establishment of ISESCO up to 31 December 2008, including arrears under the financial year 2008 which totaled US\$ 6,402,037. In this regard, attention was drawn to the keen interest taken by the Executive Council in this subject, as well as to the intensive efforts deployed by the Director General to urge a number of Member States to settle their arrears within the framework of the resolutions of the 8th and 9th sessions of the General Conference on easy terms of payment of arrears. In this regard, he said that 24 Member States have positively responded to these resolutions and accordingly benefited from exemption.

Moreover, the Director General pointed out that during the year 2008 he contacted Member States, urging them to meet their financial obligations through full payment of their arrears for the period from 2004 to 2008, so that the General Directorate of ISESCO may exempt them from the payment of arrears accrued up to the end of 2002.

Some of the Council members expressed their countries' desire to see the rate of their contributions to the Organization's budget reviewed. A few expressed their countries' non-approval of the rates applied to them, and demanded the cancellation of their arrears. The Director General explained that those States will have to refer to the General Conference for appropriate decision.

19. After deliberations, the Council adopted the Report of the Director General on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization for 2008. The Council also expressed thanks and appreciation to the Director General for his efforts in intensifying contact with Member States in order to collect maximum contributions, and promote cooperation with international organizations to support the Organization's activities and programmes.

Besides, the Council called on the Member States having not yet paid up their contributions to the Organization and those in arrears to settle their contributions and arrears in the shortest possible time, in order to enable the Organization to discharge its duties. In addition, the Council called on the Director General to continue coordination and consultation with the Member States in arrears, in order to collect those arrears and agree on practical mechanisms to settle them, in accordance with the relevant decisions and resolutions of the Executive Council

and General Conference. The Council also agreed to submit this report, with a recommendation for approval, to the 10th General Conference.

20. The Director General made a presentation on the Draft Action Plan and Budget for the years 2010-2012. In this regard, he explained that the draft submitted represents the first part of the Organization's action plans inspired by the Medium-Term Plan for the years 2010-2018. He also pointed out that the General Directorate paid special attention, during the preparation of the final draft, to including all amendments proposed by 29th session of the Executive Council in its discussion of the broad lines of this draft plan.

With regard to the strategic objectives of the draft plan, the Director General stated that countering the hostile campaign mounted against Islam and Muslims constitutes a constant strategic goal of the Organization's action plans. This goal goes hand in hand with the first major objective pertaining to ISESCO's priority development areas and fields of competence. It particularly encompasses stepping up the efforts of Member States as well as international organizations and non-governmental institutions with respect to sustainable development and using educational, scientific and cultural mechanisms to this end. In the same vein, he stated that the General Directorate has set four strategic sub-goals for the next three-year period. These include fostering the role of human resources in educational systems; developing training institutions and diversifying training programmes; promoting academic research and putting sustainable development at the core of its priorities; renewing cultural policies, developing cultural action mechanisms for developmental goals; and contributing to bridging the digital divide between Member States and developed countries.

Moreover, the Director General pointed out that with regard to the preparation of the coming action plan, the General Directorate has deemed it judicious to maintain the general structure of the Action Plan 2007-2009, considering the clear vision mirrored by its three chapters pertaining to the General Policy, Activities and Support Programmes, and Joint Expenditures, together with their related fields of action, axes, as well as activities, programmes and projects featuring special objectives, as well as practical input and implementation mechanisms.

Furthermore, the Director General said that the forthcoming plan will seek to pursue action with a view to promoting the achievements made in some fields of the Action Plan 2007-2009. It will also seek to put into action new items of the Medium-Term Action Plan for the years 2010-2018. These mainly focus on developing Member States' educational systems and structures, the express aim being to keep abreast of relevant international developments and combat all forms

of illiteracy; boost investment in cultural projects; foster cultural diversity, dialogue of cultures and alliance of civilizations; develop Member States' capacities in sustainable development-related scientific research, particularly in agriculture, water resources management, protection of the environment, innovation in the fields of renewable energy and poverty alleviation; and bridge the digital divide between developing and developed countries.

The Director General equally emphasized the General Directorate's keenness on drawing benefit from the working tools which have proved to be efficient in achieving the sought objectives. Such tools include the coordination with the national commissions and competent parties in Member States; partnership with regional and international organizations, ISESCO Regional Offices and Delegations; the working tools of the Organization's new headquarters, and the financial resources allocated for the Action Plan 2010-2012.

21. During the discussions on the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for the years 2010-2012, the Council members' observations focused on what follows:

- To call on ISESCO to further cooperation, under its new action plan, with specialized regional training centres in the Member States to implement its training activities as falls within the scope of those centres, the aim being to help develop the action of those centres and extend their national and regional outreach.
- To include performance indicators in the general description of the plan's programmes, in order to facilitate their evaluation.
- To identify a set of educational, scientific, cultural and communication activities for implementation in Doha, on the occasion of its selection as the 2010 Arab Culture Capital.
- To include programmes to integrate rational consumption principles in school manuals in a bid to sensitize the youth to Islamic values.
- To call for using information technologies in establishing communication networks among educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the Member States, the aim being to consolidate cooperation and exchange of expertise.
- To involve civil society institutions operating in ISESCO's areas of competence in the activities implemented by the Organization, the aim being

to enhance their role in achieving sustainable development for Muslim societies.

- To stress the necessity to use information and communication technologies in developing the educational system, distance learning, scientific and technical education, adult education, literacy, particularly among women in rural areas, and preserving cultural identity and Islamic architectural landmarks.
 - To devote further activities to categories with special needs, particularly the handicapped, and facilitate their access to ISESCO's activities and programmes.
 - To give greater care to the protection of children and youth from the immoral content of the internet and modern communication media.
 - To call for giving further attention to school dropout, in addition to devising training programmes and organizing awareness-raising meetings to help the competent parties curb this phenomenon.
 - To foster the role of ISESCO Center for Promotion of Scientific Research in coordinating and intensifying cooperation among research centres in Member States.
 - To identify and benefit from the experiences of Member States in the Organization's fields of competence to improve the implementation mechanisms of ISESCO's activities and enforcing its action plan.
 - To focus, in the activities geared to the staff of national commissions, on training in the use of communication techniques to develop their capacities and revitalize their role in publicizing ISESCO's efforts.
- 22.** After deliberations, the Council adopted the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for the Years 2010-2012, and approved its related budget standing at **US\$ 41,100,453**, while taking into account the observations and suggestions of its members, together with the priorities and needs of Member States during implementation. The Council congratulated the Director General on his efforts in laying the groundwork for the draft Action Plan and Budget, in cooperation with the Executive Council. It also invited the Member States to settle their full contributions under this Plan, and called on the Director General to carry on his

efforts to secure extra-budgetary resources to implement the largest part possible of the Action Plan for the Years 2010-2012.

The Council commended the methodology adopted by the General Directorate which is based on an integrated, interdisciplinary, innovative and strategic vision.

The Council invited the Director General to implement the Action Plan, with particular emphasis laid on specialized conferences, major projects, field programmes and quality activities, in cooperation with the specialized institutions as well as national and regional centers in the Member States, and agreed on the proposal to exempt the State of Palestine, the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Republic of Somalia from their contributions under the Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for the Years 2010-2012.

It equally agreed to submit the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for the Years 2010-2012, with a recommendation for approval, to the 10th General Conference.

- 23.** In appreciation of the considerable efforts exerted by ISESCO Director General, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, and having reviewed the outstanding achievements made by the Organization with the Grace of Allah and thanks to the constant efforts and sustained endeavours exerted by the Director General with regard to the smooth implementation of programmes and activities, the sound management of the General Directorate, the innovation and development in the successive action plans which he supervised the elaboration or the implementation thereof, the establishment of a large cooperation and partnership network with regional and international organizations, and the assertion of the Organization's presence in international conferences and forums with a view to conveying the Islamic civilizational message to the international community, redressing misconceptions about Islam and Muslims, and supporting Muslim communities and minorities all around the world, the Council unanimously invited the General Conference to re-elect, in its Tenth Session, H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri for two consecutive, renewable three-year terms of office as Director General of ISESCO. It also reiterated thanks and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for acceding to the request to nominate Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri as Director General of ISESCO.

- 24.** The Council then adopted the Draft Agenda of the 10th Session of ISESCO General Conference as contained in Document (CE30/2009/4.1).
- 25.** Eventually, the Council decided to hold its 31st session in the Organization's permanent headquarters, in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, in July 2010.
- 26.** At the closing session, H.E Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri held the floor and explained that the decisions adopted by the 30th session of the Executive Council mark the beginning of a new stage in the action led by the Organization, thus consolidating the sound groundwork of the General Conference which will approve them. His Excellency expressed his satisfaction at the successful outcome of the current Council's session, stressing that he and the Council members are setting store by the General Conference to set a road map for the Organization in its endeavor to fulfill more goals and objectives. In the same vein, Dr Altwaijri affirmed to the Council members that the Organization is gaining more strength thanks to their support and thanks to the trust placed in it by the Member States. At the end, he thanked the Executive Council members for the trust they place in him and for having recommended to the 10th General Conference to re-elect him as Director General of ISESCO for two consecutive terms of office.
- 27.** Afterwards, H.E Dr Boubakar Doukouré, the Chairman of the Executive Council, delivered an address wherein he praised the constructive discussions, worthwhile ideas and views expressed throughout the working sessions. He also congratulated the Council members as well as H.E the Director General of ISESCO and his assistants on the progress achieved by the Organization, which constitutes a source of pride for the Member States. At the close of his address, the Chairman of the Executive Council underscored the resolve of the Council members to sustain their efforts and action, in cooperation and in coordination with the General Directorate, towards the fulfillment of their common goals.
- 28.** At the end of the session, the members of the Executive Council addressed a message of thanks and gratitude to H.E Mr Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, the President of the Tunisian Republic, wherein they expressed their gratefulness to His Excellency for the sustained support and care he has been lavishing on ISESCO.



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

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Articles (22-24) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having considered the Draft Agenda of its 30th session as contained in Document (CE 30/2009/1.1 Provisional),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Agenda of its current 30th session as contained in Document (CE 30/2009/1.1 Adopted).



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

The Executive Council,

- Recalling Decision (CE 29/2008/D.5.1) adopted by the Executive Council at its 29th session (Rabat, 2-4 July 2008), whereby the Council decided to hold its 30th session in July 2009 in Tunis, capital of the Tunisian Republic,
- Considering Decision (CE 30/2009/D.1.1) adopted by the Executive Council regarding the Agenda of its current 30th session,
- Having considered the Draft Programme as contained in Document (CE 30/2009/1.2 Provisional),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Programme of its current 30th session as contained in Document (CE 30/2009/1.2 Adopted).



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Decision on Item 2.1 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Activities for the Year 2008)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (20), paragraph (a), of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having examined the Report of the Director General on the Organization's Activities for the Year 2008 as contained in Document (CE 30/2009/2.1),
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General of ISESCO in this connection,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the views and observations set forth by the Executive Council members,

Decides the following:

- 1-** Adopts the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Activities for the Year 2008 as contained in Document (CE 30/2009/2.1).
- 2-** Hails the steady efforts exerted by the Director General to expand cooperation with international and regional organizations as well as Islamic and Arab institutions as part of programme implementation.
- 3-** Thanks the Director General and his assistants for their outstanding efforts in following up the implementation of programmes and rationalizing expenditure, while taking into account the pressing needs of the Member States as well as Muslim communities and minorities.
- 4-** Thanks the Director General for the implementation of the activities geared to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Republic of Iraq and the Republic of Somalia.
- 5-** Highly commends the elaborate nature and high-quality typesetting of this report.
- 6-** Agrees to submit this report, with a recommendation for approval, to the 10th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 2.2 of the Agenda:

**(Report of the Director General for the Years 2007-2009
on ISESCO's Role in Supporting Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine)**

The Executive Council,

- Recalling the previous decisions adopted by the Executive Council on “ISESCO’s Role in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine”,
- Noting, upon consideration of Document (CE 30/2009/2.2) containing the Report of the Director General for the Years 2007-2009 on ISESCO’s Role in Supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine, that the Director General has accorded due attention to Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine,
- Having reviewed the difficult conditions endured by the Palestinian people in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine under the criminal aggressions perpetrated by the Israeli occupation authorities,
- Having commended the efforts exerted by the Director General and his assistants in this connection,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1. Adopts Document (CE 30/2009/2.2) on ISESCO’s role in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine, taking into account the observations of the Executive Council members.

2. Condemns the Israeli acts of aggression, desecration of Islamic sanctities and destruction of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine.
3. Invites the Director General to step up efforts to promote educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine.
4. Supports the Director General's efforts to defend the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine, and invites the Member States to reject the proposals of the Israeli occupying authorities to put Al-Quds Al-Sharif's sites on its tentative list for inclusion on the World Heritage List, and work towards removing those proposals from all UNESCO documents.
5. Agrees to submit this report, with a recommendation for approval, to the 10th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 2.3 of the Agenda:

**(Report of the Director General for the Years 2007-2009
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 12th session, which calls upon the Director General to present a regular report on the evaluation of the Organization's action to the session of the Executive Council which immediately precedes the ordinary session of the General Conference,
- Noting with appreciation, upon consideration of the evaluation report on the Organization's action as contained in Document (CE 30/2009/2.3), 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 the programmes and activities implemented under the 2007-2009 Action Plan,
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General,
- Having commended the efforts exerted by the Director General and his assistants in this connection,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Report of the Director General for the Years 2007-2009 on the Evaluation of the Organization's Action as contained in Document (CE 30/2009/2.3), taking into consideration the observations made by the Executive Council members.
2. Invites the Member States to further cooperate and positively interact with the external evaluation operations conducted by ISESCO in implementation of its Action Plan's programmes and activities.

- 3.** Calls on the Director General to present an evaluation report on the Organization's action for the years 2010-2012 to the 33rd Executive Council and 11th General Conference sessions.
- 4.** Agrees to submit this report, with a recommendation for approval, to the 10th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 2.4 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 the Year 2008)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the following:
 - * Articles (16) and (19) of the Charter,
 - * Article (20), paragraphs (b,e,f,g), of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
 - * Articles (19-20) and Articles (24-29) of the Financial Regulations,
- 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 the year 2008 as contained in Document (CE 30/2009/2.4),
- Having heard the presentations made in this connection by the Director General, the representative of the Audit Company, the representative of the research consultancy and the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts, Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Year 2008 as contained in Document (CE 30/2009/2.4).
2. Commends the efforts of the Director General in collecting financial resources, rationalizing expenditure and improving the Organization's working mechanisms, and invites him to continue his endeavours and fruitful efforts to obtain further support for the Organization's activities.
3. Thanks all personalities and parties that have made donations to support the Organization.
4. Thanks the Financial Control Committee and the Audit Company for preparing the report.
5. Agrees to submit this report, with a recommendation for approval, to the 10th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 2.5 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 for the Year 2008)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (6) of the Financial Regulations,
- Recalling relevant decisions adopted by the Executive Council at its previous sessions, particularly:
 - * Decision (CE 24/2003/D.3.2) adopted by the Executive Council at its 24th session (Tehran, 21-25 December 2003), whereby it adopted the Council's report on the criteria and modalities concerning the exemption of Member States with arrears from payment thereof,
 - * Decision (CE 28/2007/D.2.2) adopted by the Executive Council at its 28th session (Rabat, 9 July 2007),
 - * Decision (CE 29/2008/D.2.3) adopted by the Executive Council at its 29th session (Rabat, 2-4 July 2008),
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General in this connection,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1. 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 for the Year 2008 as contained in Document (CE 30/2009/2.5).
2. Expresses thanks and appreciation to the Director General for his efforts to further contact with the Member States in order to collect maximum contributions, and promote cooperation with international organizations to support the Organization's activities and programmes.

- 3.** Calls on the Member States which have not yet paid up their contributions to the Organization and those in arrears to settle their contributions and arrears in the shortest possible time, and thus honour their commitments and enable the Organization to discharge its duties.
- 4.** Calls on the Director General to continue coordination and consultation with the Member States in arrears, in order to collect those arrears and agree on practical mechanisms to settle them up, in accordance with the decisions and resolutions of the Executive Council and General Conference in this regard.
- 5.** Agrees to submit this report, with a recommendation for approval, to the 10th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 3.1 of the Agenda:

(Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for the Years 2010-2012)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the following:
 - Article (12), paragraph (c/III), of the Charter,
 - Article (20), paragraph (c), of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having considered the “Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for the Years 2010-2012” as contained in Document (CE 30/2009/3.1),
- Having commended the efforts exerted by the Director General and his assistants in this connection,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- 1-** Endorses the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for the Years 2010-2012 as contained in Document (CE 30/2009/3.1), and approves its budget standing at **US\$ 41.100.453** to ensure its implementation, taking into consideration the Executive Council’s observations and proposals as well as the Member States’ priorities and needs during the implementation process.
- 2-** Thanks the Director General for his efforts in laying down the general groundwork of the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for the Years 2010-2012, in cooperation with the Executive Council.
- 3-** Invites the Member States to settle their full contributions under this Plan, and invites the Director General to carry on his efforts to secure extra-budgetary resources to implement the largest possible part of the Action Plan for the Years 2010-2012.

- 4- Commends the methodology adopted by the General Directorate, which is based on an integrated, interdisciplinary, innovative and strategic vision.
- 5- Invites the Director General to translate into action the Draft Action Plan, with particular emphasis laid on specialised conferences, major projects, field programmes and quality activities, in cooperation with specialized national and regional institutions and centres in the Member States.
- 6- Agrees on the proposal to exempt the State of Palestine, the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, and the Republic of Somalia from their contributions to the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for the years 2010-2012.
- 7- Invites ISESCO to support, under its special programmes, the educational, scientific, cultural and media institutions in the Occupied Syrian Golan with a view to countering the policies of the occupation authorities aimed at obliterating its Islamic identity.
- 8- Agrees to submit this Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for the Years 2010-2012, with a recommendation for approval, to the 10th General Conference.



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**Decision on Item 4.1 of the Agenda:
(Preparation for the 10th General Conference Session)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (20), paragraph (d), 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:

- Approves the Draft Agenda and the Draft Programme of the General Conference as contained in Documents (CG10/2009/1.2) and (CG10/2009/1.3).



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Decision on Item 4.1 of the Agenda:

(Preparation for the 10th General Conference Session)

- Election of the Director General -

The Executive Council,

- In appreciation of the considerable efforts exerted by the Director General, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, and having reviewed the outstanding achievements made by the Organization with the Grace of Allah and thanks to the constant efforts and sustained endeavours exerted by the Director General with regard to the smooth implementation of programmes and activities, the sound management of the General Directorate, the innovation and development in the successive action plans which he supervised the elaboration or the implementation thereof, the establishment of a large cooperation and partnership network with regional and international organisations, and the assertion of the Organization's presence in international conferences and fora with a view to conveying the Islamic civilizational message to the international community, redressing information on Islam and Muslims, and supporting Muslim communities and minorities all around the world,
- In accordance with Article (20), paragraph (j), of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Considering the proposals which have been put forth,

Decides the following:

- 1- Invites** the General Conference to re-elect, in its tenth session, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri for two consecutive, renewable three-year terms of office as Director General of the Organization.
- 2- Reiterates** thanks and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for acceding to the Executive Council's request to nominate Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri for the position of ISESCO's Director General.



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Decision on Item 4.2 of the Agenda:

(Date and Venue for the 31st Executive Council Session)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of Article (9) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council whereby the Council sets, during each one of its sessions, the date and venue for the following session,

Decides the following:

- Convenes the 31st Session of the Executive Council in the first half of July 2010 at ISESCO's Permanent Headquarters.



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**Decision on the areas of competence of
the Organization and the functions of its statutory organs**

The Executive Council,

- Having heard the Director General with respect to the reports on the supervision, coordination and evaluation of the Organization's activities and on the convening of specialised ministerial conferences,
- In accordance with the Organization's Charter and Internal Regulations,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- 1.** Re-affirms the competence of the General Conference and the Executive Council in supervising the Organization's action, as well as in coordinating and evaluating its activities, as stipulated by the Organization's Charter and the Internal Regulations.
- 2.** Supports the commissioning of ISESCO to hold specialised ministerial conferences in the fields of culture, higher education and scientific research, environment, and childhood, in coordination with the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.
- 3.** Agrees to submit this decision to the 10th General Conference for approval.



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Executive Council / 8th Procedural Session

**Tunis, Tunisian Republic
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**Decision on:
(Election of the Bureau of the Executive Council)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of Article (10) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place during the 8th Procedural Session held in Tunis, Tunisian Republic, on Friday 3 July 2009, after the conclusion of the proceedings of the Tenth General Conference (Tunis, 2-3 July 2009),
- Considering the discussions which have taken place,

Decides the following:

Elects its Bureau as follows:

- **Chairman:** Burkina Faso
- **Vice-Chairmen:**
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Sudan
 - Republic of the Gambia
- **Rapporteur:** Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya