

**Final Report**  
**of the Tenth Session of**  
**the Executive Council of the Islamic Educational,**  
**Scientific and Cultural Organization -ISESCO-**  
**Rabat, 27 Rabii II - 1<sup>st</sup> Jumada I, 1410H**  
**27-30 November, 1989**

1- The Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization -ISESCO- held its 10<sup>th</sup> session in Rabat, capital city of Morocco, from 27 Rabi' II to 1<sup>st</sup> Jumada I, 1410H (27-30 November, 1989). The session was attended by all members of the Executive Council except for the Representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, who was unable to attend. It was attended by the Representative of the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and the rapporteur of ISESCO's Financial Control Committee (*Annex I*).

## Opening Session

2- The opening session was held under the chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Tai'eb Chkili, Minister of National Education and Chairman of the Moroccan National Commission for Education, Culture and Science.

It was attended by the Adviser to His Majesty King Hassan II and several Ministers in the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, as well as the members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Rabat and representing ISESCO Member States, the representatives of various regional and international organizations, and a host of intellectuals and men of culture.

3- Following a recitation from the Holy Qur'an, H.E. Mr. Abdul Aziz bin Sulayman bin Abdullah Al Fadhel, representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Chairman of the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council, delivered a speech in which he first welcomed the participants and guests, and praised the continued efforts of the Organization to implement the noble objectives for which it was set up under the wise and able leadership of its Director General, H.E. Abdelhadi Boutaleb (*Annex 2*).

4- H.E. Dr. Tai'eb Chkili, Minister of National Education and Chairman of the Moroccan National Commission for Education, Culture and Science, delivered the opening address in which he welcomed the participating delegations and indicated that the Kingdom of Morocco takes pride in hosting this meeting.

H.E. the Minister stressed the need to give priority to an Islamic plan and an Islamic approach to cultural and scientific progress which would greatly contribute to attaining the noble objectives expressed by the Muslim Ummah. In this respect, His Excellency the Minister noted that ISESCO has asserted its effectiveness in seeking to establish a sound Islamic solidarity, and commended its contacts with similar organizations.

Concluding his address, he apprised the Council of the gracious decision of His Majesty King Hassan II that work would soon start on the construction of an appropriate headquarters for the Organization, and announced that the Moroccan House of Representatives had approved the Headquarters Agreement signed between ISESCO and the Moroccan Government.

5- Following this, H.E. Pr. Abdelhadi Boutaleb, Director General of the Organization, delivered a speech in which he extended his deep thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Hassan II for his unfailing and generous assistance to the Islamic Organization, as attested in His Majesty's recent instructions regarding the building of a headquarters which would meet the Organization's needs. His Excellency the Director General then expressed his sincere thanks to the honourable Members of the Moroccan House of Representatives for ratifying the Headquarters Agreement, welcomed the participants and extended his thanks to H.E. Dr. Tai'eb Chkili, Minister of National Education in the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, for presiding over the opening session of the Council. He also commended the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for the support and assistance extended to the Organization.

The Director General then addressed the items on the agenda of the Council underlining the efforts made by the General Directorate in drawing up the Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training, and the hopes of the Organization that this programme would contribute to promoting the Islamic World and assisting it in confronting the plague of illiteracy by removing its causes, particularly through dissemination of basic training. He then referred to the draft medium-term plan of ISESCO's action until the year 2000, which is likely to give a rational orientations to the activities of the Organization during the period concerned.

Similarly, he outlined the achievements of the Organization in the interval period between the Ninth and Tenth sessions of the Council, referring to the particular attention paid to programmes to which more than 70% of the Organization's expenditures have been allocated during Financial Year 1988-1989.

The Director General expressed his optimism and hope to see the Islamic World take advantage of the climate of international concord and reconciliation, by removing the sources of regional tension and allocating as many resources as possible to educational, scientific and cultural development in the States of the Islamic World.

The Director General then appealed to the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference which have not joined ISESCO yet to promptly sign ISESCO's Charter so that the Islamic family may be reunited within this Organization (*Annex 4*).

Concluding his speech, he called upon the attending members to recite the Fatiha, imploring Allah to shelter with His Grace the late Ahmed Abdullah Abdurrahman, President of the Islamic Federal Republic of Comoro, who was assassinated that morning. The late President was one of the leaders of Islamic countries who founded and supported the Organization (*Annex 4*).

6- At the end of the session, the Representative of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoro, Mr. Mohamed Hassane, Adviser to the late President, commended the Islamic stances of the late President, and praised in particular his decision to make Arabic an official language in the country. He also announced that the last decree signed by the President was a decision awarding H.E. Pr. Abdelhadi Boutaleb, the highest distinction in the Republic, namely the Comorian Green Crescent Medal, thereby honouring science and culture through him and acknowledging the valuable technical assistance extended to his country by the Organization thanks to the Director General's efforts. Indeed, this assistance has enabled the Comoros to achieve self-sufficiency in the training of Arabic language and Islamic education teachers. The representative of the Islamic Republic of Comoro then proceeded to decorate H.E. the Director General with the Comorian Green Crescent Medal, and handed him the accompanying Certificate, a gesture which prompted moving and enthusiastic applause of approval on the part of the audience.

## **First Working Session**

7- The First working session was held on Monday afternoon, 27 Rabii II, 1410H (27 November, 1989). At the beginning of the session, a meeting was held by the Committee to check the credentials of the new members of the Executive Council.

The Credentials Committee which consisted of the representatives of the Republic of Chad, the State of Qatar and Malaysia, made a report to the Council which, after a short deliberation, approved the membership of the following representatives:

- the representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Zamir Ahmed Khan;
- the representative of the Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam, H.E. Hj Mustafa Abu Bakar;

- the representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Ata-Ul-Haq;
- the representative of the Republic of the Gambia, H.E. Mr. Mussa Fati;
- the representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Mr. Abdul Aziz Ibn Sulayman Ibn Abdullah Al-Fadhel (*Annex 5*).

**8-** The Executive Council decided that its Bureau, which consists of:

- Professor Abdulaziz Ibn Sulayman Al-Fadhel, (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), Chairman,
- Professor Lamine Kamara (Republic of Guinea), Vice-Chairman,
- Tan Sri Abdul Rahman Arshad (Malaysia), Vice-Chairman, and
- Professor Abul Wafa Al-Taftazani (Egypt), Rapporteur,

shall continue in office until ISESCO's Fourth General Conference, due to be held in 1991. The Executive Council shall convene immediately after the next General Conference to elect its new Bureau which shall emanate from the General Conference (*Annex 6*).

**9-** After thanking the Council members for having renewed their confidence in the Bureau, the Chairman of the Executive Council submitted the draft agenda for discussion (*document C.E. 10/89/OJ*). The agenda was adopted in its final form (*Annex 7*).

**10-** The representative of the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference requested the floor and then read out a message from the OIC Secretary General to the tenth session of the Council, in which the Secretary General presented his compliments and best wishes for the success of the session.

The Secretary General's message addressed the question of coordination among the organizations, organs and institutions working in the framework of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. It stressed the need for action within the framework of a united Islamic family so as to rationalize expenditure and save energy.

Lastly, the message commended the success achieved by the Islamic Organization in so short a time-span, indicating that this was due to the Member States' commitment and to the untiring efforts of the Director General (*Annex 8*).

**11-** The members of the Executive Council heard the report of the Director General of ISESCO (*CE. 10/89/R.D.G.*) on the activities of the Organization during the period between the Ninth and Tenth Council sessions. The Director General pointed out that the first part of this period was devoted to making the necessary arrangements for the implementation of the Plan of Action and establishing the necessary contacts with the relevant quarters inside and outside the Member States for the hosting of events and meetings and the nomination of the researchers, writers and experts needed by the Organization to implement its programmes. These contacts involved a number of similar organizations and explored the possibility of their participation in the implementation of certain programmes and activities.

As regards the programmes of the Plan of Action, the Director General sought to implement the recommendation of the General Conference and the Executive Council which provide that the bulk of available resources be devoted to the implementation of the programmes of the Plan of Action. Indeed, expenditure on those programmes amounted to 70% of ISESCO's total expenditure in Financial Year 1988-1989 as indicated in the report of the Financial Control Committee. As for the programmes whose implementation started this year, they are as follows: 35 out of 37 in the field of education, 14 out of 18 in the field of science, 15 out of 23 in the field of culture and 5 out of 6 in the field of information.

Regarding the appointment of new staff members in the Organization, the Director General indicated that the General Directorate has written to Member States inviting them to nominate candidates for filling the vacancies in the General Directorate, and that the latter had actually received nominations from a number of Member States. The Director General wondered whether priority in selecting staff members should be given when candidates have equal qualifications – to Member States that paid their contributions to the budget of the Organization and whether appointments should be postponed pending the adoption of the new Organizational Chart of ISESCO which may require other posts in addition to those already announced.

After discussions, the Council was of the view that recruitment should be made according to competence and geographical distribution, that it should not be limited to the Member States which pay their contributions to the budget of the Organization, and that the General Directorate should fill vacant positions so as to be able to carry out its programmes.

The Deputy Directors General then gave a general survey of the programmes implemented in the period between the Ninth and Tenth sessions. Thus, Mr. Ahmadou Ali Diaw, Deputy Director General for Education, made a report on the Education Sector programmes, and Dr. Khairat M. Ibne-Rasa, Deputy Director General for Science, reported on the Science Sector programmes.

## **Second Working Session**

**12-** The second working session was held on Tuesday morning, 28 Rabii II, 1410H (28 November, 1989). At the beginning of the session, the officials in charge of the various sectors and services resumed their detailed presentations on the implementation of programmes in their respective sectors. Thus Dr. Abdul Aziz bin Othman Altwajri, Deputy Director General for Culture, gave a review of the programmes of the cultural sector. Mr. Mohamed Belghazi, information officer in the Organization, addressed the information programmes, and Mr. Ali Mounir Alaoui, who is in charge of External Relations and Cooperation, reported on the agreements concluded by ISESCO with similar organizations and the joint programmes carried out the Organization.

The observations made the Executive Council members centred on the following points:

- to seek to implement the Organization's programmes in as many Member States as possible;
- the need to incorporate an evaluation mechanism into each programme so that the report of the Director General may contain the results of the evaluation, a statement of implementation stages, the rate of implementation and the reasons for that rate;
- the need to give priority of benefit from the programmes to the least fortunate and most needy countries;
- the necessity for the General Directorate to send to Member States the proceedings of its symposia, meetings and seminars;
- giving priority of implementation to programmes that are beneficial to as many Member States as possible;
- upgrading programmes in terms of their nature and taking interest in programmes which aim at enhancing the quality of life such as programmes on the environment, desertification etc ...;

- ensuring that the General Directorate notifies, sufficiently in advance, the Member States whose participation in the implementation of certain programmes is contemplated by the Organization so that they can take the necessary measures;
- ensuring - whenever possible - that the meetings of the Organization are held at regional level so as to avoid the high costs of interpretation.

After the comments and questions of the honourable members of the Executive Council, the Deputy Directors General took the floor to answer the questions, clarify certain point, left in abeyance and give the required information on the modalities of programme implementation.

Next, H.E. the Director General of the Organization expressed his thanks and appreciation to all Council Members who had made observations on the implementation of the Organization's programmes with a view to developing work methodology and enriching it with their vast experience in the scientific, technical and administrative fields. He stated that the Organization's staff would pay their utmost attention to those observations, and would put them into effect at the level on both project execution and daily work. He also requested Council members to send in writing the observations they could not make at present on the implementation of the Organization's programmes.

Finally, the Council adopted the report of the Director General on programme implementation during the period between the Ninth and Tenth sessions of the Executive Council, taking into account the observations made by the members of the Council (*Annex 9*).

### **Third Working Session**

**13-** The third working session was held on Tuesday afternoon 28 Rabii II, 1410H / November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1989. At the beginning of the session, the Chairman of the Executive Council requested the representative of the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to inform the participants of the policy of the General Secretariat regarding the question of coordination within the OIC system. The representative of the OIC Secretary General explained the new options in this regard, in the light of the Islamic resolutions adopted and as part of consolidating cooperation and coordination among the various institutions of the OIC system. H.E. the Director General of the Organization then took the floor and indicated that coordination among the institutions working within the framework of the Organization of the Islamic Conference is essential in order to avoid duplication and overlapping, to save energy and to rationalize expenditure. He further added that in order to attain this goal, it is essential that each institution be permitted to exercise its functions as determined by the legislator.

In this context, H.E. the Director General recalled the background of this question, focussing essentially on the various recommendations and resolutions adopted by the highest authorities of the Islamic Organization, particularly resolution 16 of ISESCO third General Conference. He announced that he had apprised the OIC Secretary General and the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers of this resolution which empowers ISESCO to exercise its coordination functions in the fields of education, science and culture. However, no action was in this regard. Furthermore, ISESCO General Directorate proposed to the OIC General Secretariat that an agreement be concluded between the Organization of the Islamic Conference and ISESCO for the coordination of their activities and the definition of cooperation aspects between them as is indeed the case between the United Nations and UNESCO. But no answer has been received to date. The Council requested the Director General to pursue his efforts in order to consolidate consultation and coordination between

ISESCO and the OIC General Secretariat with a view to identifying all aspects which need further clarification and seeking to provide relevant solutions to them. The Council adopted a recommendation in this regard (*Annex 10*).

### **Fourth Working Session**

**15-** The fourth session was held on Wednesday morning, 29 Rabii II, 1410H (29 November, 1989). At the beginning of the session, His Excellency the Director General outlined the draft Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training, which calls for the setting up of a Supreme Islamic Authority to supervise the functioning of a central Islamic Fund supported by national funds and deriving its revenue from various Islamic sources including Zakat. The Fund would be used for action to eliminate illiteracy and to spread basic training throughout the Islamic world in accordance with the principle of social solidarity. The Central Fund would thus assist national funds whose resources do not meet basic needs in terms of eradication of illiteracy and promotion of basic training (see document *C.E. 10/89/PIZ*).

His Excellency the Director General referred to the preliminary contacts he had held with the Joint World Committee on the proposed World Charter on Education for All, regarding the possibility of the Islamic world's participation as a distinctive bloc in the World Conference on Education for All, due to be held in March, 1990, in Bangkok. The Council decided to resume consideration of this question in a later working session.

**16-** The Council examined the document on ISESCO's proposed Medium-Term Plan for 1992-2000 (*C.E. 10/89/PPMT*) presented by His Excellency the Director General. After discussing the document, the Council adopted the principle of drawing up the broad-lines of the Plan, and requested the General Directorate to make a comprehensive study on the feasibility of the Plan and to submit it to the next session of the Council. Prior to this, the General Directorate should consult Member States to determine their needs and action, elicit the views and observations of the specialized organizations on the subject and evaluate previous plans of the Organization to benefit from them. (*Annex 11*).

### **Fifth Working Session**

**17-** The fifth session was held on Wednesday afternoon, 29 Rabii II, 1410H (29 November, 1989). The first part of the session was devoted to the report of the Financial Control Committee on the financial situation of the Organization for Financial Year 1988-89; to the Director General's financial report and financial statements relating to the Organization's accounts for the financial year ending on June 30, 1989; to the report on the closing accounts for the same financial year; and to the situation of the contributions of Member States to the budget of the Organization (see documents *C.E. 10/89/RCCF*; *C.E. 10/89/RSA*; *C.E. 10/89/SC*).

The report of the Control Committee was briefly presented to the Council by Mr. Farouk Tawfiq Ibrahim, rapporteur of the Financial Control Committee. Similarly, Mr. Az-El-Arab Kettani, official in charge of the Administrative and Financial Affairs Service at ISESCO, briefly introduced the Financial Report of the Director General.

The representative of the State of Kuwait requested that the rate of Member States' shares in the budget be reconsidered if some States do not observe the rates provided for them in the budget.

After detailed discussion, the Council adopted the four documents and requested the General Directorate to abide by the recommendations endorsed by the Council, and contained in the Report of the Financial Control Committee and the Report of the Audit Company (Audigroup).

In addition, the Council set up a committee made up of the representatives of the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Iraq and Malaysia to study the reasons for the delays of payment by Member States of their contributions to the budget of the Organization and to propose effective ways to avoid such delays. (*Annex 12*).

**18-** The Executive Council decided to send a telegram of thanks, appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Hassan II, King of Morocco, for the gracious instructions he has given for the commencement of work on the construction of an ISESCO headquarters that meets the needs of the Organization on the site allocated for this purpose by His Majesty's Government (*Annex 13*).

**19-** The Executive Council issued a declaration in which it condemned the arbitrary and inhuman practices of the Zionist occupation authorities against the educational and cultural institutions as part of their obscurantist policy in occupied Palestine (*Annex 14*).

**20-** The representative of Senegal, Chairman of the Committee in charge of reconsidering the Organizational Chart of the General Directorate which the Council had decided to set up at its ninth session, summarized the report prepared by the Committee, and talked at length about the reasons which led the Committee to endorse the draft Organizational Chart proposed to the Council (see document in annex).

After a thorough study of the subject, the Executive Council decided that the Committee should continue its work until the next session of the Executive Council, and that it should cooperate with the Committee set up by the Third General Conference to look into all the regulations of the Organization. The Council further decided that the General Directorate should continue to apply the present Organizational Chart and take the necessary measures in the light of the said chart until the Council reaches a decision on the matter (*Annex 15*).

**21-** The Council decided to refer the draft amendments proposed to ISESCO's Personnel Regulations, Medical Insurance Fund and End-of-Service Allowance Fund to the Committee in charge of revising the Charter and the other regulations (*Annex 16*).

**22-** The Council decided to refer the question of salaries and allowances as well as the identification of a mechanism to assess performance to the Committee in charge of revising the Organizational Chart of the General Directorate.

## **Sixth Working Session**

**23-** The sixth session was held on Thursday morning 1<sup>st</sup> Jumada I, 1410H (30 November, 1989). The Council resumed discussion of the draft Islamic programme for literacy and basic training. Following the discussion, the Council approved the project and mandated the Director General of the Organization to convene an extraordinary General Conference of the Organization shortly before the Bangkok Conference. The representative of the State of Kuwait expressed reservations as to the convening of the extraordinary General Conference, as he was unable to consult with his Government on this subject. The representative of the State of Qatar approved the convening of a special session of the General Conference concurrently with the Bangkok Conference.

The Council set up a committee composed of the representatives of the Republic of Senegal, Malaysia and the Kingdom of Morocco to help the General Directorate improve the document to be submitted to the proposed extraordinary session of the Organization's General Conference and subsequently to the Bangkok Conference (*Annex 17*).

**24-** The Executive Council decided to send a message to Mr. Yasser Arafat, President of the State of Palestine, to inform him of the declaration that the Executive Council had issued in which it condemned the repressive measures of the Zionist authorities in occupied Palestine, which are aimed at spreading obscurantism and impoverishment among the Palestinian people, and informing him that the Council supports the just struggle of the Palestinian people (*Annex 18*).

**25-** The Council decided to hold its eleventh session at the Organization's headquarters in Rabat from 3 to 10 December, 1990, (*Annex 19*).

**26-** H.E. the Chairman of the Executive Council addressed, on behalf of the Council, a message of thanks and gratitude to His Majesty Hassan II, King of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the occasion of the conclusion of the proceedings of the tenth session of the Islamic Organization's Executive Council, which was held in the capital city of His Majesty's glorious Kingdom, thanking him for the special attentive care shown by His Majesty towards the Islamic Organization since its inception (*Annex 20*).

**27-** The Executive Council sent a message to the honourable Pr. Mohammed El Fassi, head of the Centre for Coordination among the Arab National Commissions for Education, Science and Culture, imploring Almighty Allah to restore Pr. El Fassi's good health so that he may resume his major role in the service of educational, scientific and cultural matters in the Islamic World (*Annex 21*).

## **Closing Session**

**28-** The closing session was held in the afternoon of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Jumada I, 1410H (30 November, 1989) and was devoted to consideration of the draft final report, decisions and recommendations adopted by the Council. The Council's rapporteur, Dr. Abul Wafa Al-Taftazani, read the final report, which was adopted after Council members amended it and made observations thereon.

**29-** H.E. the Director General made a statement in which he commended the spirit of responsibility which has characterized Council members and congratulated them for the results they reached and for the efforts they made in tackling agenda items. He recalled that the Organization is not stumbling as is the case with other international organizations. He made an appeal for a common commitment to Islamic action as it is the basis for Islamic solidarity. He explained the mission of ISESCO, addressed the position of the world towards Islam and highlighted the plots aimed at isolating Islam and distorting its image. H.E. the Director General asserted his commitment to strive for the glory of Islam and Islamic causes and to work in a spirit of abnegation and devotion. He finally invited Council members to encourage their governments to support ISESCO.

**30-** H.E. Mr Abdul Aziz Ibn Abdullah Al-Fadhel, Chairman of the Executive Council, took the floor and thanked Council members for the efforts they made to reach praiseworthy results. He also thanked the secretariat, praised Almighty Allah for the success of the Council's proceedings and ended the proceedings of the tenth Council session.

## **Annex I**

### **List of the participants in the Executive Council**

#### **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

Pr. Abdel Aziz bin Sulayman bin Abdallah Al-Fadhel  
Director General, General Directorate for  
the Promotion of Higher Education,  
Ministry of Higher Education  
Riyadh

#### **Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

Dr. Munthir Wassif Al-Masri  
Secretary General,  
Ministry of Education  
Amman

#### **Kingdom of Morocco**

Pr. Mohamed Benbachir  
Head of the Islamic Studies Department,  
Faculty of Letters,  
Rabat

#### **Palestine**

Mr. Jihad Ismail Qarshuly  
Director General,  
Department of Higher Education,  
Palestine Liberation Organization  
Amman  
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

#### **State of Kuwait**

Pr. Sulayman Abdallah Al-Uneizi  
Secretary General,  
Kuwait National Commission for  
Education, Science and Culture  
Kuwait

#### **Republic of Iraq**

Mr. Thamir Daoud Nader  
Under Secretary,

Ministry of Education  
Baghdad

**Arab Republic of Egypt**  
Dr. Abul Wafa Al-Taftazani  
Vice-President,  
Cairo University  
Cairo

**State of Qatar**  
Sheikh Fahd bin Jassim bin Hamad Al-Thani  
Secretary General,  
Qatar National Commission for  
Education, Culture and Science  
Doha

Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Ansar

**Republic of the Gambia**  
Mr. Musa Fatty

**Islamic Republic of Pakistan**  
H.E. Mr. Zamir Ahmad Khan,  
Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan  
Kingdom of Morocco

**Malaysia**  
Tan Sri Abdul Rahman Arshad

**People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Mr. Ata Ul-Haq

**Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam**  
Haji Mustafa Abu Bakar

**Republic of Guinea**  
Mr. Lamine Kamara

**Republic of Mali**  
Mr. Mahmoud Abdou Zouber

**Republic of Senegal**  
Mr. Iba Der Thiam

**Republic of Chad**  
Dr. Mahamat Moussa

**Islamic Federal Republic of Comoro**  
Mr. Mohamed Hassane

**Organization of the Islamic Conference**

**Annex 5**

**Decision n° CE.10/89/CMC/RI**

**Decision on  
the appointment of new Member States'  
candidates in the Executive Council**

- Considering the provisions of sub-parag. *A* and *B* in paragraph 3 of *Article 12* of the Charter;
- Taking into account the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of *Article 12* of the Charter;
- Considering the deliberations made by the Credentials Committee on the candidature of:
  - Mr. Abdul Aziz Ibn Sulaiman Ibn Abdullah Al-Fadhil, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,
  - Mr. Zamir Ahmed Khan, Islamic Republic of Pakistan,
  - Mr. Ata Ul-Haq, people's Republic of Bangladesh,
  - Mr. Mustapha Abu-Bakr, Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam,
  - and Mr. Moussa Fatty, Republic of the Gambia,

**the Executive Council:**

- welcomes the above-mentioned new members
- pays tribute to their predecessors for the eminent services they rendered to the Organization.

**Annex 6**

**Decision n° CE.10/89/CBC**

**Decision on  
the composition of the Bureau of  
the Executive Council**

- Considering the provisions of *Article 10* of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

**the Executive Council decides:**

(1) To keep the Bureau composed of the following representatives:

- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: H.E. Pr. Abdul Aziz Ibn Abdullah Al-Fadhil, Chairman,
- Republic of Guinea: H.E. Pr. Lamine Kamara, Vice-Chairman,
- Malaysia: H.E. Tan Sri Abdul Rahman Arshad, Vice-Chairman,
- Arab Republic of Egypt: H.E. Pf. Abul-Wafa Al-Taftazani, Rapporteur,

until the Fourth General Conference.

(2) To hold the next session of the Executive Council immediately after the Fourth General Conference, with a view to electing the new bureau of the Executive Council which will emanate from the forthcoming General Conference.

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**Annex 7**  
**CE.10/89/OJ**

# **AGENDA**

**Agenda of the Tenth Session of  
the Executive Council  
Rabat, 27-30 November, 1989**

**I- Procedural matters**

- Examination by the Credentials Committee of the documents accrediting the new members of the Council
- Election of the Bureau

**II- Reports of the General Directorate**

- 1- Report of the Director General on the activities of the Organization during the period between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Council and on the Headquarters of the Organization.
- 2- Closing accounts
- 3- Report of the Financial Control Committee
- 4- AUDIGROUP report
- 5- Situation of the Member States' contributions to ISESCO budget

**III- Desirability of an ISESCO Medium-Term Action Plan (1992-2000)**

**IV- Legal and procedural matters**

- 1- Report of the Executive Council's ad-hoc Committee on the Organizational Chart of the General Directorate and the draft amendments to the Personnel Regulations, the Internal Regulations of ISESCO's Medical Insurance Fund and the End-of-Service Allowance Fund.

**V- Draft Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training**

**VI- Closing session**

**Annex 7**

**Decision n° CE.10/89/OJ**

**Decision on the Agenda**

- Considering the provisions of *Articles 22, 23 and 24* of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having taken cognizance of Document *C 10/89/OJ*,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

**The Executive Council decides:**

to adopt the agenda of its tenth session as presented in Annex N° *CE/10/89/OJ*.

**Annex 8**

**Message of  
His Excellency Dr. Hamid Algabid,  
Secretary General of the Organization of  
the Islamic Conference to the Tenth Session of  
ISESCO's Executive Council**

**Your Excellency, the Chairman of the Council,  
Your Excellency Dr. Abdelhadi Boutaleb,  
Director General of the Islamic Educational,  
Scientific and Cultural Organization,  
Your Excellencies the Members of the Council,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

When the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was established more than seven years ago in this glorious country, following the decision of the historic Summit of Makkah Al Mukarramah, the Organization of the Islamic Conference greeted this event with the intense feeling that a long-cherished dream had come true ... The Organization of the Islamic Conference has thus completed its edifice in May 1982, and given itself an original and harmonious profile worthy of the historical orientations of its founders.

By playing host to this new Organization, Morocco demonstrated, once again, its devotion and unfailing attachment to the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its objectives.

Under the clear-sighted leadership of His Majesty King Hassan II, the Kingdom of Morocco remains the symbol of unswerving commitment to all the just causes of Islam and, in particular, to Islamic solidarity.

I seize the opportunity of the present session of your Council to renew to His Majesty King Hassan II our deference and our appreciation.

**Mr. Chairman,**

In a few weeks, I shall have completed the first year of office as Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. During the past months, I had the occasion to receive the directives and views of Their Majesties, Their Highnesses and Their Excellencies the Kings and Heads of State regarding the future of joint Islamic action within the framework of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. I also had talks with Their Excellencies the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Culture, Information, Economy, Finance, Religious Affairs, Higher Education and Scientific Research, on the development of our Ummah's solidarity and prosperity; I made frequent contacts with popular Islamic Organizations, institutions and societies, about the action to be undertaken in future to disseminate our faith and enhance the influence of Islamic culture; I saw for myself a number of Islamic communities and organizations in several countries around the world, and lastly, I received their leaders and representatives who explained to me their problems within the framework of the Ummah's unity.

Such meetings, talks and visits, in addition to ministerial conferences, among which the 18<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers enabled me once again to note the following:

1- the unfailing attachment of all the countries and peoples of the Ummah to the ideals and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Conference, and therefore, to the Organization of the Islamic Conference as a fundamental instrument of Islamic solidarity;

2- the determination of Member States to develop the ways and means of joint Islamic action within the framework of the OIC so that the Organization can play a more effective, dynamic and committed role in the Islamic world;

3- the will of Member States to promote the organizations and institutions set up within the framework of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and to put the stamp of revival on their activities by introducing the necessary reforms to the functioning of the system and its various mechanisms of conception, execution, follow-up, coordination and evaluation.

**Mr. Chairman,**

To succeed, we must apply greater intelligence to our action, that is make our action more harmonious and rational. To win more confidence, we must coordinate our programmes and activities in order to rationalize our expenditure and save our energies.

We must act - according to the expression dear to His Excellency Dr. Abdelhadi Boutaleb - in a united Islamic family spirit. For my part, I am firmly determined as Secretary General of the OIC to promote the spirit of consultation and dialogue within the Islamic institutional family, for I am convinced that this is the only way to serve the objectives for which our 21 subsidiary, specialized or affiliated institutions, in addition to the General Secretariat, have been established within the framework of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. Any other way would, in my opinion, be pretentious, would dissipate our modest resources and would, sooner or later, condemn to inertia the entire OIC system.

That is indeed the whole meaning of *Resolution 6/18-A.F.* adopted by the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers which has laid down the very mechanisms of coordination within the OIC.

At this stage, I welcome the collaboration as well as the continued and enriching dialogue between the General Secretariat and ISESCO General Directorate and I hope the latter will take an active part in the on-going elaboration of some of our projects which have been decided upon by the Islamic Summit, the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs, or the Foreign Ministers.

It is my confident hope that ISESCO will soon join in this exalting effort.

**Mr. Chairman,**

I have followed with great interest the activities of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization since its establishment and in particular, since I took office at the General Secretariat. I have had the pleasure to hear words of praise for the constant efforts of ISESCO to further consolidate and assert Islamic identity and to ensure the development of the Islamic world in the fields of education, science and culture. I am delighted at this and warmly congratulate you on it.

The agenda of this Tenth Session of the Executive Council testifies to the wide scope of the activities undertaken by the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, of the Organization's valuable achievements, and of the undeniable services it has started to render to Member States.

ISESCO has indeed made a greatly successful effort. This success is admittedly due to the support of Member States and of its various organs, but also to the dedication and untiring action of His Excellency Dr. Abdelhadi Boutaleb, its Director General, who has been conducting the affairs of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization with remarkable efficiency.

I wish to offer him my sincere congratulations as well as my thanks for the excellent arrangements made for the smooth running of the Tenth Council proceedings.

I wish you full success in your deliberations and assure you of my support and that of the General Secretariat.

Wassalamu alaikum wa rahmatu Allahi wa barakatuh.

**Annex 9**

**Recommendation N° CE.10/89/RDG**

**Recommendation on  
the Report of the Director General on  
the Activities of the Organization between  
the Ninth and Tenth Council Sessions**

- Considering the provisions of *Article 11* of the Charter;
- Considering the provisions of *Article 20* (paragraph d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Having taken cognizance of the document n° *CE.10/89/PRDG* presented by the Director General on the activities of the Organization between the ninth and tenth Council sessions;
- Taking into account the satisfactory results achieved by the General Directorate during that period;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

**the Executive Council:**

Adopts the Director General's report on the activities of the Organization and the implementation of its programmes between the ninth and tenth Council sessions and calls on the General Directorate to take into account the observations made by Council Members.

## **Annex 10**

### **Recommendation**

The Executive Council, having listened to the message of H.E. Dr. Hamid Algabid, Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, has expressed its deep satisfaction with the new, open-minded and highly constructive spirit which the Secretary General of the OIC and the Director General of ISESCO have constantly promoted since the new OIC Secretary General took office, in order to establish on a sound basis the coordination and cooperation between the General Secretariat of the OIC and the General Directorate of ISESCO, both of which are institutions which were set up within the framework of the OIC.

The Council wishes to express, on this occasion, its consideration and appreciation to the Secretary General of the OIC.

The Council further invites the Director General to continue his action for the consolidation of concertation and coordination between ISESCO and the OIC General Secretariat in order to identify all aspects which require further clarification and to find solutions to them.

## **Annex 11**

### **Decision on the proposed Medium-Term Action Plan of ISESCO**

- Considering the provisions of paragraph 1, *Article 11* of the Charter;
- Considering the provisions of sub-paragraph (e), *Article 20* of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- After taking cognizance of the Document N° *CE.10/89/PMT*;
- Considering the debate on the subject,

#### **the Executive Council:**

- Approves the principle of drawing up the broad outlines of the ISESCO Medium-Term Action Plan,
- Requests the General Directorate to prepare a comprehensive study of the feasibility of this plan and to submit it to the next session of the Council,
- Requests the Director General to base this study on the following:
  - a) the views of Member States regarding their needs and action priorities;
  - b) the views and observations of the specialized organizations on the subject; and
  - c) the evaluation of ISESCO's past plans in order to benefit from them in elaborating the proposed plan

## **Annex 12**

### **Recommendation on the Organization's Financial Report for Financial Year 1409-1410H (1988-1989)**

- Considering the provisions of *Articles 16, 17, 18 and 19* of the Charter, *Articles 14, 15, 19, 24, 25, 26 and 29* of the Financial Regulations of the Organization, and *Article 20*, paragraphs *e, f, g* of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Having taken cognizance of the:
  - \* the document N° CE.10/89/RF regarding the Director General's financial report,
  - \* and the financial statements for the financial year ending on 30 June, 1989,
  - \* the document N° CE.10/89/RS annexed to the report of the Audit Company (AUDIGROUP) on the closing accounts for the financial year ending on June 30, 1989,
  - \* the document CE.10/89/RCCF containing the report of the Annual Session of ISESCO's Financial Control Committee held from 25 to 29/9/1989,
  - \* and the document N° CE.10/89/EC on the situation of the contributions of Member States to the budget of the Organization;
- Having heard the additional information given by the Director General and the clarifications presented by the rapporteur of the Financial Control Committee;
- Following the Council's debate on the subject,

#### **the Executive Council:**

- Adopts the above financial reports, taking into consideration the recommendations endorsed by the Council as contained in the report of the Financial Control Committee and the report of the Audit Company,
- Sets up a committee of Council members to make a study on the reasons underlying the delays of payment by a number of Member States of their contributions to the budget of the

Organization, to propose effective ways to avoid such delays and to submit the aforesaid study to the next session,

- Removes the name of the Republic of Iraq from paragraph 6 of the report of the contributions of Member States, considering that Iraq had obtained a decision of the Ninth Session of the Executive Council providing that the request for the settlement of its arrears shall be deferred until the emergency situation ceases to exist and also considering the fact that the Republic of Iraq has informed the Organization of its decision to pay its contributions for Financial Year 1988-1989.

\* The representative of the State of Kuwait requested that the rate of Member States shares in the budget be reconsidered if some States do not observe the rates provided for them in the budget.

**Annex 13**

**Message to  
His Majesty King Hassan II  
of the Kingdom of Morocco**

**Your Majesty,**

Currently meeting in its tenth session in Rabat, the Executive Council of ISESCO, which is made of the 18 following States: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, People's Republic of Bangladesh, Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam, Republic of Chad, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic of Senegal, Republic of Iraq, Republic of the Gambia, Republic of Guinea, State of Palestine, State of Qatar, Islamic Federal Republic of Comoro, State of Kuwait, Arab Republic of Egypt, Kingdom of Morocco, Republic of Mali and Malaysia, was immensely comforted and deeply satisfied to learn about the very recent measures which Your Majesty has taken with respect to the construction of ISESCO's Headquarters in the Sherifian Capital City, as announced by His Excellency Dr. Taïeb Chkili, Minister of National Education at the opening session held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1989.

These measures, added to those which the House of Representatives has just approved and which provide for the Headquarters Agreement between the Kingdom of Morocco and ISESCO, provide, in a very short span of time, concrete and positive answers to two of the most important questions which had preoccupied the last General Conference of ISESCO held in Amman in November 1988.

The Executive Council, being strongly impressed by this new testimony of the attentive care which Your Majesty has constantly shown towards ISESCO since its inception, finds in the precious support of the enlightened, clear-sighted and respected Guide that you are, Sire, clear reasons for confidence in the future and renewed encouragements to continue the action undertaken by the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the fields of its competence, with a view to enhancing the economic, social and cultural progress of the peoples of the Ummah in full respect for their Islamic identity.

## **Annex 14**

### **Motion of Protest**

The Executive Council of ISESCO, meeting in its 10<sup>th</sup> session in Rabat from 27 to 30 November 1989, took cognizance, with indignation, of the measures taken by the Israeli authorities against Palestinian education and cultural institutions.

These measures which take the form of closure off schools, violation of university immunities and repressive constraints affecting teachers, students and pupils alike, constitute flagrant violations of Human Rights and of international conventions which protect the rights and identity of the Palestinian People.

The Executive Council condemns the authorities responsible for those measures and demands that they be lifted immediately.

The Executive Council expresses its renewed solidarity to the Palestinian citizens and pays its respects to the victims of the repression perpetrated by the occupation authorities.

The Executive Council deplors the fact that, despite the resolution adopted by ISESCO 3<sup>rd</sup> General Conference in Amman in November 1988, the occupation authorities have turned a deaf ear to the protest, and have intensified their acts of violation, aggression and destruction against the Palestinian educational and cultural institutions.

The Executive Council is particularly anxious to strongly denounce the recent assaults perpetrated against the religious integrity of the Al-Quds Mosque, Third Holiest Shrine in Islam.

The Executive Council strongly protests against those aggressions and requests the Director General to take all the necessary steps in conjunction with UNESCO and the international organizations concerned to do everything in their power to bring such aggressions to an end as soon as possible, to re-open educational institutions in the occupied Arab territories and to protect Islamic holy places in the entire occupied territories.

The Chairman of the Executive Council

## **Annex 16**

### **Decision on the amendment of certain Provisions of ISESCO's Personnel Regulations**

- Considering :
  - \* the provisions of paragraph 3, *Article 11*, of the Charter;
  - \* the provisions of paragraph 4, *Article 12*, of the Charter;
  - \* the provisions of paragraph "C" and "K" of *Article 20* of the Executive Council Rules of Procedure; and the provisions of *Article 128* of ISESCO's Personnel Regulations
- Having taken cognizance of the document N° *CE.10/89/SP* presented by the Director General, and
- Following the Council's deliberations on the subject;

**The Executive Council** decided to refer the proposed amendments to the Personnel Regulations and the Internal Regulations of ISESCO's Medical Insurance Fund to the Committee in charge of revising ISESCO's Charter and regulations.

**Annex 17**  
**CE.10/89/P.I.A.F.B.**

**Recommendation of the Draft Islamic Programme  
for Literacy and Basic Training**

- Considering the provisions of parag. 1, *Article 11* of the Charter,
- Considering parag. 2, *Article 24* of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- After taking cognizance of Document *CE.10/89/PIZ*,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

**The Executive Council:**

a) Agrees on the project of the General Directorate aiming at adopting the “Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training” as a collective plan for a period of ten years starting from 1990, and recommends to the General Conference to approve it.

b) Agrees that the Director General should invite the General Conference, on the basis of parag. 4, *Article 10* of the Charter, to hold an extraordinary session in order to take action on the “Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training”, as a contribution aimed at determining the Islamic position with regard to the proposed “International Charter on Education for All”; this session is to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, 1990, in Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia.

c) Sets up a committee made up of the representatives of Malaysia, Morocco and Senegal and entrusts it with enriching the documents the Organization is to submit to the extraordinary session of its General Conference and then to the Bangkok Conference.

d) Requests the Director General to take the necessary measures to hold the extraordinary session and to invite Islamic states which are not members of ISESCO to take part in that session’s proceedings.

e) Entrusts the Director General with the task of coordination with the parties in charge of the organization of the Bangkok Conference and with including the “Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training” among the documents of the Conference as a regional plan for the Islamic group.

f) Commends the Islamic institutions which have responded to the Director General’s initiative and calls on them to keep up their support for the project

- the representative of the State of Kuwait expressed reservations as he was unable to contact his government.
- The representative of the State of Qatar suggested that the extraordinary session of the General Conference be held in Thailand.

**Annex 18**

**Message to His Excellency  
Mr. Yasser Arafat,  
President of the State of Palestine**

The Executive Council of ISESCO, meeting in its Tenth Regular session in Rabat from 27 to 30 November, 1989, has learned with deep indignation the repeated violations of Palestinian educational and cultural institutions by the Israeli authorities. The Council has adopted a motion of protest against the occupation authorities. The Council moreover wishes to extend to Your Excellency, and through you, to the entire brotherly Palestinian people its active solidarity with - and full support for - the liberation struggle led by the PLO with great courage, self-denial, valiance and determination which compel admiration.

The Chairman of the Executive Council

Abdulaziz ibn Sulayman ibn Abdullah Al-Fadhel

## **Annex 19**

### **Decision concerning the eleventh session of the Executive Council**

- Considering the provisions of *Article 9* of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Considering the deliberations held in Council session,

**the Executive Council:**

- Decides to hold its eleventh session at the Organization's headquarters from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December 1990.

## **Annex 20**

### **Message addressed to the Honourable President of the Centre for Coordination among Arab National Commission for Education, Science and Culture -Rabat-**

The Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, meeting in its Tenth Session in Rabat from 27 Rabi' II to 1 Jumada I, 1410H (27-30 November 1989) is deeply affected by your state of health and prays Almighty Allah to grant you speedy recovery and long life so that you may resume your pioneer role in the field of education, science and culture. The Council avails itself of this occasion to pay tribute to your eminent contributions to Islamic culture and to the causes of our Islamic Ummah in the various international for a.

The Chairman of the Executive Council

Abdulaziz ibn Sulayman ibn Abdullah Al-Fadhel