

**9th Coordination Meeting of the Heads
of ISESCO Member States' Delegations to the 36th Session
of UNESCO General Conference**

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RESOLUTION

The 9th Coordination Meeting of the Heads of ISESCO Member States' Delegations to the 36th Session of UNESCO General Conference,

- Considering the resolutions and recommendations of the previous meetings,
- Considering the decisions and resolutions of the Executive Council and General Conference of ISESCO and those of the specialized Islamic ministerial conferences,
- Taking account of the guidelines set forth in the agreements and programmes of action signed jointly by ISESCO and UNESCO ,
- Having examined the documents submitted to the meeting,
- Having heard the presentation made by the Chairman of the Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research,
- Having heard the presentations made by the Director General of ISESCO, and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- **Approves** the reports and reference documents submitted to the meeting, taking into account the observations of the Member States, **and invites** the Director General to keep providing the competent and relevant parties in the Member States with such documents for perusal and appreciation.
- **Commends** the special outcome of partnership between ISESCO and UNESCO and the advanced level of coordination between them, **adopts** bilateral cooperation proposals for 2012-2013, **invites** the two parties to further develop partnership mechanisms and expand areas of cooperation and opportunities of integration to the best interest of the Member States

participating in the meeting, **pays tribute** to the close relations maintained with other regional and international institutions and bodies, **and stresses** the need to enhance such cooperation relations in order to avoid redundancy.

- **Acclaims** the document on “**Key Performance Indicators: Guidelines for Assessment, and Quality Enhancement for Universities in the Islamic World**”, and the relevant resolution of the Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research; **and emphasizes** the need for the competent parties in the Member States to take advantage of the indicators laid out in the document, in a bid to develop universities and boost performance in higher education institutions.
- **Welcomes** the recommendation of the Executive Board of UNESCO to grant Palestine full membership of UNESCO, **and unanimously agrees** to endorse this recommendation and make the necessary contact with the heads of other states’ delegations to persuade them to endorse it in this session of UNESCO General Conference and to point to the application for the accession of Palestine to UNESCO in their addresses to the Conference.
- **Appreciates** ISESCO’s efforts and programmes devoted to the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and **invites** the Member States, together with Arab, Islamic and international bodies, to extend further support to these institutions to stand against all attempts of obliteration, usurpation and destruction and to reiterate solidarity with the Palestinian people to restore their full rights and establish their Independent States with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital.
- **Thanks** the Director General of UNESCO for her efforts to enhance cooperation with ISESCO and communication with its Member States, and for her positive response to the national and regional initiatives focused on their sustainable development.
- **Thanks** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and its Ministry of Higher Education in particular, for hosting the Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and for providing the facilities necessary for the Conference’s success, **expresses gratitude** to the Chair of the session for the presentation submitted, **and invites** him to follow up the matter, in coordination and collaboration with the competent parties.

- **Extends** a message of condolences to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud on the death of His Highness Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz, the Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Aviation, and Inspector General, as well as to the sons of the deceased, the royal family and the Saudi people.
- **Thanks** the Director General of ISESCO for the preparation of the documents submitted to the meeting, **lauds** his keen interest in developing ISESCO's performance, broadening its scope of action and expanding its Arab, Islamic and international outreach, **and invites** him to continue his constructive efforts in this connection.
- **Thanks** the Director General for convening the 9th Coordination Meeting of the Heads of ISESCO Member States' Delegations to the 36th Session of UNESCO General Conference, and invited him to convene the 10th Coordination Meeting on the occasion of the 37th General Conference of UNESCO to be held in 2013.