



**FINAL REPORT
OF THE 5TH GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF THE ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
CULTURAL ORGANIZATION**

DAMASCUS, 24 – 27 JUMADA II, 1415 H

27 – 30 NOVEMBER 1994

Opening Session: Sunday 24 Jumada II, 1415 H (27 November 1994)

Morning

The General Conference of the Islamic Educational, scientific and Cultural Organization held its 5th regular session, under the auspices of H.E. Hafez Al-Assad, president of the Syrian Arab Republic, in Damascus, from 24-27 Jumada II, 1415 H (27-30 November 1994).

Their Excellencies the Ministers of Education, or their representatives, members of the General Conference participated in the session. Also participated in this session the Secretaries General and representatives of the following Islamic, Arab and international organizations: the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization, the Islamic World League, the World Islamic Call Society, the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States, the Arab Federation of Institutions Catering for the Deaf, the World Islamic Relief Agency and the World Meteorological Organization. (The list of the General Conference members and of participating members of delegations, Islamic, Arab and international organizations is attached as Annex 1).

1. The Opening Session was privileged by the presence of H.E. Dr. Mohammed Zouheir Mosharkah, Vice-President of the Syrian Arab Republic, representing H.E. President Harez Al-Assad under whose auspices the Conference was held, H.E. Dr. Hamid Al-Gabid, Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Knidiri, Minister of National Education in the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and President of the 4th General Conference, H.E. Mohammed Ghassan Al-Halabi, Minister of Education in the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic, H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of the Islamic educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, H.E. Ambassador Lamine Kamara, Chairman of the Executive Council, in addition to a host of officials in the Syrian Government, members of the Executive Council of the Islamic Organization, members of the Islamic Diplomatic Corps accredited in Damascus and a large number of scholars from the educational and cultural arena.
2. After recitation of some verses from the Holy Qur'an, H.E. Dr. Mohammed Knidiri, Minister of Education in the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and President of the 4th General Conference, delivered an address in which he hailed the President, Government and people of the Syrian Arab Republic, and thanked H.E. President Hafez Al-Assad, President of the Republic, under whose auspices the Conference was held, for the warm hospitality and the facilities

provided to the Conference. He said that he was gratified at this fraternal gathering which gave substance to the values of education, culture and science and reaffirmed Islamic cohesion and solidarity. He stressed the need of the Islamic world, at that stage, for the civilizational mission of the Organization and expressed his appreciation for ISESCO achievements which were characterized by diversity, seriousness and quality. He commended in this respect the efforts exerted by the Director General to promote ISESCO's work and praise his dynamism, sound management and far-sightedness in leading ISESCO. (The address delivered by H.E. Dr Mohammed Knidiri, President of the 4th General Conference is attached as Annex 2).

3. H.E. Ambassador Lamine Kamara, Chairman of the Executive Council, delivered an address in which he expressed his thanks and gratitude to H.E. President Hafez Al-Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic as well as to the Syrian Government and the Syrian Arab people for the great solicitude manifested towards the 15th session of the Executive Council and the 5th session of the General Conference, which was instrumental in their success. He underlined the importance of the Organization's lofty mission which aims at safeguarding the Islamic civilizational identity of the Islamic world and ensuring development in the Islamic countries. He likewise paid tribute to the evolution achieved by the Organization and the efforts expended by the Director General with competence and efficiency. (The address delivered by H.E. the Chairman of the Executive Council is attached as Annex 3).
4. H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, delivered an address in which he first thanked H.E. Hafez Al-Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic, his Government and people for the assistance and support provided for convening the conference, and welcomed their Excellencies the members of the Conference and the representatives of the invited Islamic, Arab and international organizations.

He emphasized in his speech the need to endeavour to provide the Islamic Ummah with the means to ensure its self-immunization and enhance its strength through promoting education, science and culture in order to counter the challenges threatening the Ummah, particularly that that the Islamic world suffers from the plague of rampant illiteracy. He gave figures and statistics, indicating that the General Directorate of the Organization had included, in its Action Plan and Budget for the years 1995-1997, programmes and activities that he hoped would meet the needs of Member States in these vital development

fields. He called for greater Islamic educational awareness to ensure a brighter future for the Islamic world.

He also called for extending material assistance to the Islamic Organization in order to enable it to fulfill its mission in its fields of competence. He then reviewed the most important achievements of the Organization since its establishment in spite of the paucity of resources and said that those positive results were due to the unfailing support and care of their Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses, the Kings, Presidents and Emirs of Islamic States. He hailed the fraternal cooperation existing between ISESCO and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, commending the stances of the OIC Secretary General, H.E. Dr. Hamid AL-Gabid, in terms of coordinating joint Islamic action. He also highlighted the present distinct standing of the Organization amidst similar Islamic, Arab and international specialized organizations on the international scene, which bears testimony to its credibility and the recognition, by States, of the authenticity and modernity of its objectives. (The address delivered by H.E. the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is attached as Annex 4).

5. H.E. Dr. Hamid Al-Gabid, secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Organization, delivered a speech in which he first thanked H.E. President Hafez Al-Assad, his Government and people for the generous hospitality and warm welcome extended to the Conference. He congratulated the Director General for his unanimous re-election at the head of the General Directorate of the Organization and for the present standing of the Organization as well as for its manifold achievements. He likewise called for pursuing support for the Organization and consolidating its efforts aimed at withstanding the current challenges and safeguarding the Islamic identity. He appealed to Member States as well as to the Organization to provide support to the Islamic universities and scientific research centres in the Islamic world. (The address delivered by H.E. the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference is attached as Annex 5).
6. H.E. Dr. Mohammed Zouheir Masharkah, Vice-President of the Syrian Arab Republic, delivered an address in which he welcomed the heads and members of delegations. He conveyed the greetings of His Excellency the President of the Republic and his sincere wishes that the Conference would adopt resolutions and recommendations that would contribute to the Organization's progress, promote its objectives and fulfill its goals for the well-being of all Arabs and Muslims. He referred to the great hopes pinned on the Organization despite its young age, particularly in this epoch of bloc-building. He also underlined the

important role of the Organization in achieving cultural cooperation and developing a culture based on Islamic values to withstand the civilizational challenges leveled at the Ummah. He stressed that the banner of Islam would always fly high in Syria as it was a question of creed and faith. He hoped that the Organization would assume the responsibilities of Islamic development, making use of modern technology and confronting cultural invasion. He emphasized that the Syrian Arab Republic was looking forward to comprehensive and just peace in return for complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories in conformity with international legitimacy. He indicated that the issue of Al-Quds was a determining factor in the progress of the peace process. In conclusion of his presentation, he wished success for the Organization and the General Conference. (The address delivered by the Vice-President of the Syrian Arab Republic is attached as Annex 6).

7. At the end of this session, the participants and guests visited the exhibition of the Organization's publications and the itinerant exhibition of children drawings from the Islamic world.

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At the outset of this session, H.E. Dr. Hamid Al-Gabid, Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the two Organizations in order to strengthen cooperation and coordination ties in the field of joint Islamic action.

Morning Item 1.1 : Adoption of the Agenda :

(Doc. CG 5/94/1.1 Provisional, Rev.2)

8- After consideration of the Draft Agenda, the representative of the State of Kuwait requested the deletion of the item on the Memorandum of the Republic of Iraq on the educational and cultural embargo imposed on it. The representative of the republic of Iraq called for examination of this issue. After voting, the Conference decided, at the simple majority, to delete this item. The Conference then adopted its agenda in the enclosed version (Doc. CG 5/94/1.1 Adopted-Annex 7) and took the following resolution:

Resolution on Item 1.1 of the Agenda :

Adoption of the Agenda

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Articles 13 through 17 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- Having considered the draft agenda of its 5th session in Doc.CG5/94/1.1 Prov.(Rev.2);

Decides the following:

Adopts the agenda of its 5th session as proposed by the 15th Executive Council Session, after amending it in accordance with the vote made by the General Conference in connection with Item 5.4 during consideration of Item 1.1 of the Draft Agenda, and as contained in document C.G.5/94/1.1 Adopted, which is annexed to the Final Report of the 5th General Conference Session.

Item 1.2 : Adoption of the Programme :

(Doc. CG 5/94/1.2Provisional, Rev.2)

9- The Conference decided that its working hours would be from 09:00 a.m. to 14:00 p.m. according to the attached document C.G5/94/1.2 Adopted (Annex 8).

The Conference adopted the following resolution in this regard:

Resolution on Item 1.2 of the Agenda :

Adoption of the Programme

The General Conference,

- Referring to Resolution CG 4/9/R.5.4 adopted by the General Conference at its 4th session on convening the 5th General Conference session in November 1994;

- Considering Decision CE 14/93/D. 6.1 adopted by the Executive Council at its 14th session;
- Considering Resolution CG5/94/R. 1.1 whereby it adopted the agenda of its 5th session as contained in Doc.CG 5/94/1.1 Adopted;
- Having considered the draft programme of the Conference session contained in Doc. CG 5/94/1.2 Prov./Rev.2;
- Bearing in mind that the Executive Council had considered, at its 15th session, the said document and made proposals thereon in accordance with Article 20, paragraph "j" of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council and, accordingly, adopted Decision CE 15/94/ D.6.2, in which it recommended that the 5th session of the General Conference adopt the programme of the General Conference as contained in the proposed document CG 5/94/1.2 attached to the Final Report of the 15th session of the Executive Council;

Decides the following:

Adopts the programme of its 5th Session as proposed by the 15th Executive Council Session and as contained in Doc. CG 5/94/1.2 Adopted, and annexed to the Final Report of the 5th Session of the General Conference, after amending it to the effect that the Conference meets from 09:00 a.m. to 14:00 p.m.

Item 1.3 : Composition of the General Conference Bureau :

(Doc. CG 5/94/1.3)

10- The Conference unanimously approved the election of H.E. Mohammed Ghassan Al-Halabi, Minister of Education of the Syrian Arab Republic, as President of the 5th Session. The Conference adopted the following resolution in this respect:

Resolution on Item 1.3 of the Agenda :

Election of the Conference Bureau

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- Having considered Doc. CG 5/94/1.3 on the composition of the Bureau of the 5th General Conference Session;

- Taking into consideration the committees proposed in the programme organizing the Conference proceedings;
- Paying homage to the host country, the Syrian Arab Republic;
- Respecting the principle of geographic distribution;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

Approves the following composition of the Bureau of the 5th session of the General Conference:

President of the Conference:

- H.E. Mohammed Ghassan Al-Halabi

Minister of Education in the Syrian Arab Republic

- Three Vice-Presidents:

1. Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam
2. Republic of Niger
3. State of Kuwait

- General Rapporteur:

- State of Bahrain

Chairman of the 1st Committee

(Programmes Committee)

- Republic of Senegal

Rapporteur:

Arab Republic of Egypt

Chairman of the 2nd Committee

(Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee)

People's Republic of Bangladesh

Rapporteur:

Republic of Tunisia

11- The representative of Bosnia-Herzegovina, spoke, for his part, about the unequal battle that the people of his country were waging against the savage Serb aggressors. He indicated that the Serbian continued attacks were not directed against the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina alone, but were pinpointing the civilizational and educational institutions as well. He said that this unrelenting aggression was not repelled and that the decisions of the international community were not observe either. He also shed light on the effects of this aggression on national institutions, installations and infrastructures in Sarajevo as well as on school buildings and on inhabitants, 50% of whom had emigrated to other countries. He invited Member States to establish diplomatic relations with Bosnia-Herzegovina and gear programmes for the support of Bosnia in its struggle against the Serbs. He proposed that the General Conference condemn the crimes perpetrated and appeal to the international community to immediately put an end to the savage aggressions. He also appealed to the representatives of Member States to support Bosnia-Herzegovina in order to preserve the message of Islam in Europe (See Annex 19 containing the addresses of heads of delegations and representatives of States and organizations). The Conference then decided to make an appeal in favour of Bosnia-Herzegovina (See Annex 9).

H.E. Abdulaziz Abdullah Turki, Minister of Education in the State of Qatar, then delivered a speech in which he thanked H.E. the Director General of the Organization for the efforts he exerted to develop and promote the Organization and called for solidarity at this epoch which is characterized by the prevalence of geographic, political and cultural groupings. He also called for taking interest in the rising generation through a comprehensive, integrated reform of education, science and culture. He said that in the current economic juncture, he did not deem it fit to increase the financial burdens on Member States and that his country had decided to fix its contribution rate in the Organization's budget at 3% at maximum. He also seconded the proposals contained in the document on the situation of Member States' contributions and proposed to rule the issue of contributions once and for all in order to enable the Organization to lay down its programmes and activities according to the real situation of Member States' contributions. He made some remarks on the programme of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and indicated that there was some exaggeration in the financial cost of some other programmes. (See Annex 19).

Dr Ali Bin Muhammad Altwaijri, Director General of ABEGS delivered afterwards an address on behalf of ABEGS (see Annex 19).

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Item 2.1: Report of the Executive Council

(Doc. CG 5/94/2.1)

12- H.E. the Chairman of the Executive Council submitted a summary report on the activities of the Executive Council between the 4th and 5th sessions of the General Conference; he reviewed the activities undertaken by the Council over this period, particularly with regard to revision of the internal regulations and rules of procedure of the Organization such as the Internal Regulations of the End-of-Service Allowance Fund, the Internal Regulations of the Medical Insurance Fund for ISESCO's personnel, the Organization Chart of the General Directorate, the Personnel Regulations, in addition to other rules of procedure and regulations. He indicated that the Council had considered the reports of the Director General on the activities and achievements of the Organization as well as its role in supporting the educational and cultural institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Azerbaijan, the project of the Euro-Islamic University in Cordoba as well as a comprehensive document on the evaluation of the action of the Organization. He pointed out that the Council had commended this document in view of its distinct, innovative character and expressed thanks and appreciation to the Director General for his efforts in this connection (See document C.G. 5/94/2.1).

The Conference then adopted the following resolution:

Resolution on Item 2.1 of the Agenda :

Report of the Executive Council

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- Having considered the report of the Executive Council as contained in Doc. CG 5/94/2.1;
- Having heard the report and presentation submitted by H.E. Lamine Kamara, Chairman of the Executive Council;
- Considering the discussions which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Council;
2. Commends the efforts of the Chairman of the Council, H.E. Lamine Kamara, and those of the honourable Council members, for their unfailing support to the Organization and its Director General.

**Item 2.2: Report of the Director General on the Organization's
activities between the 4th and 5th sessions of the General Conference**

(Doc. CG 5/94/2.2 and Addendum)

13- The Director General addressed the achievements of the Organization, laying emphasis on the specificity of the programmes implemented in the fields of education, science, culture, international cooperation, documentation and information. He reviewed the contacts he had made with the States which were not yet members of the Organization, and stated that such activities resulted in securing the membership of 4 new States, namely the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Tajikistan, raising the membership to 41 Member States.

The official visits paid by the Director General to a number of States led to positive results which were instrumental in consolidating cooperation relations with the Organization in the implementation of programmes, as a large number of programmes of the 1991-1994 Action Plan and the remaining programmes of the 1988-1991 Action Plan had been implemented despite the paucity of the available material resources. Credit for these accomplishments goes to the sound policy adopted by the General Directorate, which is based on rationalizing expenditures, curtailing assignments and associating some beneficiary countries in bearing expenses.

He added that in the educational field, over 60 activities were carried out in such areas as holding training sessions, updating school curricula, publishing books, seconding instructors and granting scholarships, 45 activities were implemented in the scientific field, focusing on modernizing curricula, granting scholarships, and tending to the protection of the environment and the control of desertification.

In the field of Culture and Communication, a substantial number of activities were implemented with respect to safeguarding the cultural identity of the Islamic World. Regional and international meetings were thus held, in cooperation with

similar organizations, on the issue of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World. Likewise, twenty books were published in their original or translated form in the various areas of Islamic culture. Efforts were also exerted for the preparation of another set of books, specialized Islamic studies and films introducing Member States and highlighting their Islamic civilization, in addition to the symposia and training sessions convened in favour of officials in charge of manuscript centres in the Member States.

In the information field, positive achievements were made as attested by the news on ISESCO's activities at all levels, published or broadcast by the mass media inside and outside the Islamic world, which led to the expansion of the scope of dissemination of the Organization's mission and radiance. Concerning the data bank, which witnessed significant development, the Organization managed to link it with international networks specialized in data exchange.

In keeping with the increasing volume of work, the Organization recruited 27 experts, specialists and professionals.

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Item 2.2: Report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the 4th and 5th sessions of the General Conference (Cont'd) (Doc. CG 5/94/2.2 and Addendum)

Addresses of delegations:

The representatives of the following Member States addressed the Conference: sultanate of Brunei Darussalam, Republic of Senegal, Republic of Iraq, State of Bahrain, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Sierra Leone, State of Kuwait, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyyah, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Islamic Federal Republic of Comoros, Republic of Mali, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of the Gambia, Burkina-Faso and Republic of Niger (See Annex 19).

The representatives of the following Islamic organizations and institutions also addressed the Conference: International Islamic Relief Organization, World Islamic League and the World Islamic Call Society (See Annex 19).

Some delegations commented on the programmes of the Organization and its various activities, emphasizing of achievements made by the Organization during

its 1991-1994 Action Plan and commending the efforts exerted by the Director General and his assistants in the implementation of these programmes and activities. In their addresses, the heads of delegations thanked the Syrian Arab Republic, its President, Government and people for their generous hospitality and warm welcome (See Annex 19).

The Conference then adopted the Report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the 4th and 5th sessions of the General Conference as contained in Doc. CG 5/94/2.2 and Addendum, and adopted the following resolution thereon:

Resolution on Item 2.2 of the Agenda :

Report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the 4th and 5th sessions of the General Conference

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- Recalling Resolution CG 4/91/ R.3.2 adopted by the 4th Session of the General Conference on the Action Plan and Budget for the years 1991-1994;
- Having considered the report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the 4th and 5th sessions of the General Conference, contained in Doc. CG 5/94/2.2 and its Addendum;
- Considering the decisions adopted by the Executive Council concerning the periodical reports of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the Council sessions;
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General on the subject;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the 4th and 5th sessions of the General Conference, contained in Doc. CG 5/94/2.2 and its Addendum;
2. Congratulates the Director General for his satisfactory implementation of the resolutions of the 4th Session of the General Conference, his

enhancement of the role of the Organization in its fields of competence at international level, his implementation of most of the programmes of the Action Plan and Budget for the years 1991-1994 despite the paucity of resources, and his rationalization of expenditures;

3. Invites Member States to support the Organization by promptly honouring their financial obligations towards it.

Item 3.3: Construction of the Organization's Headquarters

(Doc. CG 5/94/3.3)

14- The Director General presented a brief report on the efforts exerted by ISESCO's General Directorate since 1982 to construct a permanent Headquarters for the Organization. He reviewed the circumstances of the purchase of a temporary headquarters for the Organization, which befitted the requirements of the phase of expansion and increasing workload in which ISESCO has entered. He referred, in respect, to the Decision adopted by the Executive Council at its 14th session, in which the Council commended the Director General for hastening to purchase a temporary Headquarters. The Director General likewise pointed out the endorsement of that measure by the Financial Control Committee as it was considered a profitable investment for the Organization.

The Director General then spoke about the efforts exerted by the General Directorate with a view to constructing a permanent Headquarters for the Organization on the plot of land donated by the Moroccan Monarch, His Majesty King Hassan II, in appreciation for ISESCO's mission. He likewise talked about the contacts being made by the Director General with a view to obtaining the necessary funds needed for the construction works.

H.E. the Minister of Education of Morocco took the floor and announced the readiness of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco to support the Director General's efforts to construct a Headquarters for the Organization and to offer all forms of assistance to complete the required administrative measures and enable the Organization to fulfill its civilizational mission.

The Conference then adopted the following resolution:

Resolution on Item 3.3 of the Agenda :

Construction of the Organization's Headquarters

The General Conference,

- Recalling the deliberations which took place at the previous sessions of the General Conference on the construction of ISESCO's Headquarter;
- Considering the two decisions adopted by the Executive Council at its 13th and 14th sessions, namely:
 - Decision CE 13/92/D.5.4 adopted by the Executive Council at its 13th session;
 - Decision CE 14/93/D.5.3 adopted by the Executive Council at its 14th session;
- Having considered the report of the Director General on the "Construction of the Organization's Headquarters" contained in Doc. CG 5/94/3.3;
- Considering the presentation of the Director General;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Congratulates the Director General for the efforts he exerted in this connection, his promptness in purchasing a provisional Headquarters for the Organization, and invites him to pursue these effort.
2. Thanks the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for its readiness to support the efforts of the Director General towards the construction of ISESCO's headquarters and for the reiteration of its intention to continue providing all forms of assistance to enable the Organization to fulfil its civilizational mission.
3. Invites the Executive Council to support the efforts of the Director General in this regard and to follow up to the issue at each Council session;
4. Places this item on the agenda of the sixth session of the General Conference of the Organization.

Item 5.1: Report of the Director General on the situation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif

Under Israeli occupation and attempts to obliterate its Islamic

identity and judaize it

(Doc. CG 5/94/5.1)

15- The Director General submitted a brief report on the situation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif under Israeli occupation and attempts to obliterate its Islamic identity and judaize it, recalling the international symposium on safeguarding the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and its cultural heritage, which was held by ISESCO within the framework of the Islamic –Christian dialogue, in implementation of a resolution adopted by the 4th General Conference.

The General Conference commended the efforts exerted by the Director General to establish, within the General Directorate, a unit devoted to the issue of Al-Quds, as well as for his efforts to implement the resolutions and recommendations on Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

The representative of the State of Palestine then took the floor and expressed his thanks and appreciation for the efforts made by the Director General in this respect in view of the special importance he attached to Al-Quds. He also emphasized the ongoing Israeli attempts to judaize the holy city (See Annex 19).

The General Conference then adopted the following resolution:

Resolution on Item 5.1 of the Agenda:

Report of the Director General on the Situation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif

under Israeli occupation and attempts to obliterate its

Islamic identity and judaize it

The General Conference,

- Recalling the resolutions the resolutions and decisions adopted at the previous sessions of the General Conference and the Executive Council of ISESC on the situation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif under Israeli occupation and attempts to obliterate its Islamic identity and judaize it, in particular Resolution CG 4/91/R.6.2 adopted by the General Conference at its 4th session (Al-Quds Session), in which it mandated the Director General to convene an

international symposium, within the framework of the Islamic-Christian dialogue, in order to safeguard Al-Quds Al-Sharif and its cultural heritage;

- Noting, after considering the Report of the Director General on the Situation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif under Israeli Occupation and attempts to obliterate its Islamic Identity and judaize it, contained in Doc. CG 5/94/5.1, that the Director General has convened the said symposium on Al-Quds, under the high patronage of His Majesty King Hassan II, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco and Chairman of Al-Quds Committee;
- Also noting that the Director General has geared in the Action Plan and Budget for the years 1995-1997 special programmes in favour of Al-Quds Al-Sharif;

Decides the following:

1. Reaffirms the unity of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, the capital of the State of Palestine, and invites Member States to provide support for safeguarding its Islamic identity and to oppose any attempts to judaize it and alter its historical features;
2. Thanks His Majesty King Hassan II, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco, and Chairman of Al-Quds Committee for his generous patronage of this symposium, which was highly instrumental in ensuring its success at all levels;
3. Invites the Director General to submit a report on the situation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to the Seventh Islamic Summit Conference that is scheduled to meet in the Kingdom of Morocco in December 1994;
4. Congratulates the Director General for the satisfactory implementation of the resolutions on Al-Quds Al-Sharif and invites him to pursue their implementation;
5. Invites the representatives of the Islamic countries members of UNESCO to focus on the issue of Al-Quds Al-Sharif at the forthcoming UNESCO General Conference;
6. Places this item on the agenda of the 6th session of the General Conference.

Item 5.2 of the Agenda: Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Role in supporting Cultural and Educational Institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina

(Doc. CG 5/94/5.2)

16- The Director General submitted a brief report on ISESCO's role in supporting cultural and educational institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, recalling the establishment, within the General Directorate, of "Sarajevo Unit" which is entrusted with the follow-up and coordination of the educational, scientific and cultural activities geared in favour of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The General Conference commended the efforts made by the Director General in this regard, and adopted the following resolution:

Resolution on Item 5.2 of the Agenda:

ISESCO's role in supporting cultural and educational institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina

The General Conference,

- Recalling the Organization's Charter and the principle of Islamic solidarity in the educational, scientific and cultural fields;
- Considering Decision CE 14/93/D. 5.4 adopted by the Executive Council at its 14th session;
- Also considering Decision C.E. 15/94/D.5.1 adopted by the Council at its 15th Session;
- Having considered the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's role in supporting the cultural and educational institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, contained in Doc. CG 5/94/5.2, which was examined by the Executive Council at its 15th Session in document n° CE 15/94/5.1;
- Having heard the representative of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Reaffirms the decisions adopted by the Executive Council on the cultural and educational institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina;
2. Endorses Decision CE 15/94/D. 5.1 adopted in this connection by the Executive Council;
3. Congratulates the Director General for his efforts implementing the said decisions and invites him to pursue implementation;
4. Places this item on the agenda of the 6th Session of the General Conference, and invites the Director General to place it on the agenda of the Executive Council sessions wherever he deems it fit.

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Item 5.3: Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Role in supporting the Cultural and Educational Institutions in Azerbaijan

(Doc. CG 5/94/5.3)

17- The Director General gave a brief presentation on the educational, scientific and cultural programmes implemented in favour of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and the financing by the Organization of some other activities. He indicated that the 1995-1997 three-year Action Plan includes programmes and activities for the benefit of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan then took the floor and thanked the Director General for supporting the educational and cultural institutions in Azerbaijan. He referred to the ongoing conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia, which bore an adverse impact on the economic and educational situation in Azerbaijan. He extended an invitation to the Director General of ISESCO to visit Azerbaijan in order to obtain first-hand information on the situation in the country.

The General Conference then adopted the following resolution:

Resolution on Item 5.3 of the Agenda:

ISESCO's role in supporting cultural and educational institutions in Azerbaijan

The General Conference,

- Recalling the Charter of the Organization and the principle of Islamic solidarity in the educational, scientific and cultural fields;
- Considering Decision CE 14/93/D. 5.5 adopted by the Executive Council at its 14th session with regard to supporting the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Azerbaijan, and Decision CE 15/94/D. 5.2 adopted by the Executive Council, at its 15th session, on the same issue;
- Noting, after consideration of document CG 5/94/5.3 on ISESCO's efforts in this regard that the Director General has implemented the above-mentioned Decision as follows:
 - a-** Geared some of the Organization's programmes, in its Action Plan for the years 1991-1994, to activities that would contribute to the support of this Islamic country (2nd operative paragraph of the Decision);
 - b-** Earmarked funds from some budgetary items of the Action Plan and budget for the years 1991-1994 and the Action Plan and budget for the years 1995-1997 for financing activities in Azerbaijan (7th operative paragraph of the Decision);
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Reaffirms Decision CE 14/93/D. 5.5 adopted by the Executive Council at its 14th session, and Decision CE 15/94/D. 5.2 adopted by the Executive Council at its 15th session;
2. Thanks the Director General for his satisfactory implementation of Decision CE 14/93/D. 5.5 adopted by the Executive Council at its 14th session and invites him to follow up to implementation;
3. Places this issue on the agenda of the 6th session of the General Conference.

**Item 5.4: ISESCO's role in supporting educational, scientific
and cultural institutions in Somalia**

(Doc. CG 15/94/5.3)

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18- The Director General reminded the Conference of the decision of the 15th session of the Executive Council on ISESCO's role in supporting the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Somalia, indicating that the 1995-1997 Action plan of the Organization included programmes in support of these institutions.

The representative of the Republic of Somalia then took the floor and thanked the Director General for his special attention and material and technical support to educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Somalia. He reminded the Conference of the memorandum he had submitted on the issue to the 15th Session of the Executive Council and the 5th Session of the General Conference in this connection.

The General Conference then adopted the following resolution:

Resolution on Item 5.4 of the Agenda:

**ISESCO's role in supporting cultural and educational
institutions in Somalia**

The General Conference,

- Recalling the Organization's Charter and the principle of Islamic solidarity in the fields of education, science and culture;
- Taking into consideration Decision CE 15/94/D.5.3 adopted by the Executive Council at its 15th session concerning ISESCO's role in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Somalia, and the document CE 15/94/5.3;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Endorses decision CE 15/94/D. 5.3, which was adopted by the Executive Council at its 15th session;
2. Invites the Executive Council to follow up to this issue at its following session;
3. Invites the Director General to gear the implementation of some of the programmes of the Action Plan and Budget for the years 1995-1997 for supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Somalia, taking into consideration the proposals put forward by the representatives of Member States;
4. Appeals to the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the League of Arab States to put an end to this struggle;
5. Also appeals to Member States to offer scholarships and assistance to Somali students;
6. Calls upon the Somali factions to achieve reconciliation and reunification.

Item 5.5: ISESCO's role in alleviating the Impact

of Flood Disasters in Djibouti

(Doc. CG 5/94/5.5)

19- The Director General of the Organization submitted a brief report on ISESCO's role in alleviating the impact of the flood disasters in Djibouti, recalling that the Executive Council had decided, at its 15th Session, to send a message of solidarity to H.E. the President of the Republic of Djibouti following the loss of lives and property suffered by his country. The representative of the Republic of Djibouti took the floor and thanked the Director General for his initiative. He appealed to Member States to provide his country with all possible forms of support to overcome these disasters.

Having expresses its satisfaction at the Director General's initiative, the General Conference adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution on Item 5.5 of the Agenda:
ISESCO's role in alleviating the Impact
of Flood Disasters in Djibouti**

The General Conference,

- Recalling the Organization Charter and the principle of Islamic solidarity in the fields of education, science and culture;
- Having taken cognizance of the message addressed by the Executive Council members, at the 15th Council Session, to H.E. Hadj Hassan Gouled Aptidon, President of the Republic of Djibouti;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Endorses the message of ISESCO's Executive Council, addressed to H.E. the President of the Republic of Djibouti;
2. Invites Member States to provide all possible support in order to alleviate the consequences of the flood disaster in Djibouti;
3. Invites the Director General to gear the implementation of some programmes of the action Plan and Budget for the years 1995-1997 for supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Djibouti.

Item 6.1: Date and venue of the 6th Session of the General Conference

20- The Conference considered the issue of the date and venue of the 6th General Conference in accordance with Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, which stipulates that the General Conference be held in Rabat, the Seat Country, unless a Member State offers to host the session.

The Conference then adopted the following resolution:

Resolution on Item 6.1 of the Agenda:

Date and venue of the 6th session of the General Conference

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place

Decides the following:

Convenes its sixth session in the first half of December 1997, at the Headquarters of the Organization in Rabat, unless one of the Member States offers to host the session.

21- In accordance with the decision of the Executive Council at its 15th session, concerning ISESCO's support for educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and in the light of the presentation made by the delegate of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina at the First Working Session, the Conference decided to address appeal on the tragic situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Conference adopted unanimously and by acclamation the annexed appeal which is addressed to the permanent members of the UN Security Council, the UN Secretary General, the OIC Secretary General, the NATO Secretary General, the Member States of ISESCO, OIC and UE (See Annex 9).

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22-The President of the General Conference introduce the Report of the Programmes Committee, which focused on item 3.1 concerning the Action Plan and Budget for the years 1995-1997 and item 3.2 relating to the proposed establishment of ISESCO Education Centres.

After discussions, the General Conference amended the resolution on the Draft Action Plan and Budget for the years 1995-1997, particularly paragraph 2 in which the Committee approved a budget amounting to US\$ 39,827,522 for the

Action Plan 1995-1997 and an additional budget amounting to US\$ 5,104,834 to cover the transition period from July 1st, 1994 to December 31st, 1994.

The Conference decided to keep the budget of the previous Action Plan without any addition and urged the Director General to find additional resources from donations, grants and other resources in order to make up for the difference.

It adopted the following resolution:

Resolution on Item 3.1 of the Agenda:

Draft Action Plan and Budget for the Years 1995-1997

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article 11, paragraph 1 and 2 of the Charter, and Article 7 of the Financial Regulations;
- Having considered the "Draft Action Plan and Budget for the years 1995-1997", contained in Doc. CG 5/94/3.1;
- Considering the following two decisions adopted by the two previous sessions of the Executive Council on the "Draft Action Plan and Budget for the years 1995-1997":
- Decision CE 14/93/D. 3.1 adopted by the 14th session of the Executive Council on the "Draft Action Plan and Budget for the years 1995-1997 Amended", inviting the Director General to finalize the Action Plan and Budget for the years 1995-1997 and submit the project to the 15th session of the Executive Council after introducing therein the amendments proposed by Council members; also inviting the Director General to confine budget increases to the costs resulting from the enlarged membership of the Council, the transition to a financial year corresponding to the Gregorian year, the setting up of the Sarajevo Unit and the support programmes in favour of Azerbaijan and India-occupied Kashmir;

In the said Decision, the Council recommended that the General Conference approve a one-sixth increase of the budget to cover the six-month transition period, commencing on July 1st, and ending on December 31st, 1994, which represents the period falling between the end of the previous Plan 1991-1994 and the beginning of the present Plan on January, 1st, 1995,

- Decision CE 15/94/D. 3.1 whereby the 15th session of the Executive Council adopted the Action Plan of the Organization for the years 1995-1997,

approved the budget for the period from January 1st, 1995 to December 31st, 1997 and an additional budget for the transition period from July 1st, 1994 to December 31st, 1994, and recommending that the General Conference adopt the Action Plan and Budget for the years 1995-1997;

- Having examined the Report of the Programmes Committee on item n° 3.1;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Action Plan as contained in Doc. CG 5/94/3.1, taking into consideration the observations of Member States upon implementation;
2. Keeps the Budget of the previous Action Plan without any increase, and urges the Director General to find additional resources from donations, grants and other resources to make up for the difference;
3. Thanks the Director General and his assistants for their efforts in preparing this Plan.

Item 3.2: Proposed Establishment of ISESCO Education Centres

23- The Conference approved, in principle, the establishment of these centres, and called for starting limited experiments in certain regions, such as Africa, without confining them to this area. It also called for taking advantage of the previous experiments conducted by UNESCO and ALECSO in this field. Some States, such as Pakistan, Chad, Comoros and Iran, expressed their desire to host these centres.

The Conference adopted the following resolution in this regard:

Resolution on Item 3.2 of the Agenda:

Proposed Establishment of ISESCO Education Centres

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article 2 of the Charter;
- Having considered Doc. CE 15/94/3.3;
- Considering Decision CE 15/94/D. 3.3 adopted by the Executive Council on the "Proposed Establishment of ISESCO Education Centres" and recommending the approval of the establishment of such centres;

- Considering the examination of item 3.2 by the Programmes Committee;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Approves in principle the establishment of ISESCO Education Centres as contained in Doc. CG. 5/94/3.2 (CE 15/94/3.3), taking into consideration the observations and proposals of Member States upon implementation of the project;
2. Mandates the Director General to take all the necessary measures in order to carry out this project gradually according to the means available to the Organization.

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24- The Chairman of the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee presented the report of his Committee and reviewed the Committee's proposals on items 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 along with the resolutions proposed for adoption.

After deliberation, the Conference adopted the following resolutions with regard to these items:

Resolution on Item 2.3 of the Agenda:

Financial Report of the Director General and

Closing Accounts for the years 1991-1994

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article 11, paragraph (6), Article 19 of the Charter, and Article 29 of the Financial Regulations;
- Having considered the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for the years 1991-1994 contained in Doc. CG 5/94/2.3 P.1, P.2 and Addendum;

- Considering the following Decisions adopted by the three previous sessions of the Executive Council on the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts:
- Decision CE 13/92/D. 2.2 adopted by the 13th Session of the Executive Council on the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for the Financial Year 1991-1992, and approving a financial year commencing on January 1st and ending on December 31st,
- Decision CE 14/93/D.2.2 adopted by the 14th session of the Executive Council with regard to the Financial Report and Closing Accounts for the Financial Year 1992, and approving the said report for submission to the General Conference for adoption,
- Decision CE 15/94/ D.2.2 adopted by the 15th session of the Executive Council with regard to the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1993 and the First Semester of 1994, whereby the said report was adopted along with a recommendation to the General Conference to adopt it,
- Also considering that two-thirds of Member States approved the adoption of a financial year commencing on January 1st and ending on December 31st;
- Having examined the Report of the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee on item 2.3;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for Financial Years 1991-1994 contained in Doc. CG 5/94/2.3 P.1, P.2, and Addendum;
2. Endorses Decision CE 15/94/D. 2.2 adopted by the Executive Council at its 15th session, in particular as regards the time schedule set for the financial reports and the time-limit for their preparation and submission to the Financial Control Committee and the Executive Council;
3. Congratulates the Director General and his assistants for their efforts in this connection.

Resolution on Item 2.4 of the Agenda:
Reports of the Financial Control Committee and
of the Audit Company for the years 1991-1994

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article 19 of the Charter and Article 20, 24 and 26 of the Financial Regulations;
- Having considered the "Reports of the Financial Control Committee and of the Audit Company for the years 1991-1994" contained in Document CG 5/94/2.4 P.1,P.2 and Addendum;
- Considering the following Decisions adopted by the Executive Council at its three previous sessions on the Reports of the Financial Control Committee and of the Audit Company;
- Decision CE 13/92/D. 2.3 adopted by the 13th Session of the Executive Council on the Report of the Audit Company "Audigroup" for financial Year 1991-1992, and mandating the Director the Director General to choose a highly qualified and experienced audit company;
- Decision CE 13/92/D.3.6 adopted by the 13th Session of the Executive Council, in which the Council elected the Financial Control Committee;
- Decision CE 14/93/D.2.3 adopted by the 14th Session of the Executive Council on the "Reports of the Financial Control Committee and of the Audit Company for Financial Year 1992", in which the Council approved the said two reports for submission to the General for adoption;
- Decision CE 15/94/D.2.3 adopted by the 15th Session of the Executive Council on the Reports of the Financial year 1993 and the First Semester of 1994", in which the Executive Council adopted the said two reports and recommended that the 5th Session of the General Conference adopt them;
- Having examined the Report of the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee on item 2.4;

- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the "Reports of the Financial Control Committee and of the Audit Company for the years 1991-1994" contained in Doc. CG 5/94/2.4 P.1, P2 and Addendum;
2. Endorses Decision CE 15/94/D. 2.3 adopted by the Executive Council at its 15th Session, on the Reports of the Financial Control Committee and of the Audit Company for the years 1991-1994, in particular the time schedule for the work of the Audit Company, the meetings of the Financial Control Committee and the presentation of their reports;
3. Thanks the Financial Control Committee for its efforts and for supporting the efforts of the Director General;
4. Endorses the Executive Council's decision in support of the Director General of the Islamic Educational, scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), which reads:

**Resolution in support of the Director General of the Islamic
Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)**

The General Conference,

Having taken cognizance, with regret and bitterness, of the irresponsible campaign waged against the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the person of its Director General, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, a campaign all the more dangerous as it might divert the Organization from its essential mission and objectives , at a time when the Ummah is in need more than ever before, of its full energy, unity and solidarity in order to withstand all the challenges levelled at it,

1. Strongly denounces these perfidious manoeuvres and vigorously condemns their investigators;
2. Expresses its total support for the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, its confidence in its Director General and its full,

unshakable support to him, and, in this connection, hails the Director General, for the stand he took, which reflects a lofty attitude and a high sense of responsibility, and commends the laudable manner in which he fulfils his mission;

3. Appreciates ISESCO's accomplishments despite the extremely difficult conditions and notwithstanding the paucity of resources and the multitude of burdens it shoulders;
4. Expresses its confidence in the ability of the Director General to manage the Organization respecting all the while the norms in force, and appeals to all ISESCO staff members to rally around the Director General and support the general policy and objectives of the Organization, abiding by a sense of discipline, respect for hierarchy and adherence to the duty of discretion in both speech and action and observance of the requirements for confidentiality in work.

Resolution on Item 2.5 of the Agenda:

Report of the Director General on the Situation of Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on redressing the Organization's Financial Situation For the years 1991-1994

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article 6 of the Financial Regulations;
- Having considered the Report of the Director General on the Situation of Member States' Contributions and on Redressing the Organization's Financial Situation for the years 1991-1994, contained in Doc. CG.5/94/2.5 p.1, p.2;
- Considering the following decisions adopted by the three previous sessions of the Executive Council on the situation of Member States' contributions to the Organization's budget and on redressing the Organization's financial situation;
- Decision CE 13/92/D. 2.4 of the 13th session of the Executive Council, in which the Council adopted the "Report of the Director General on Member States' contributions to the Organization's budget and on redressing the Organization's financial situation for the years 1991-1994", thanked the Director General for his contacts with some Member States, which improved the Organization's financial situation, invited him at the same time to exert further efforts in this regard, and requested Member States to support such

efforts; the Executive Council also called on member States which contest their contribution rates, to continue settling their contributions according to the very rates adopted by the General Conferences of the Organization; and invited the Director General to place this item on the agenda of the 5th session of the General Conference in order to rule this matter;

- Decision CE 14/93/D.2.4 adopted by the 14th Session of the Executive Council, in which it approved the "Report of the Director General on the situation of Member States' contributions to the Organization's budget and on redressing the Organization's financial situation for financial year 1992", and requested the General Conference to take efficient measures to redress the situation in keeping with the spirit of Islamic solidarity to which Member States committed themselves upon signing the Organization's Charter, and to rely, should the General Conference wish it, on the study being prepared by the ad hoc Committee set up by the Executive Council at its 14th session, which ends its work at the 15th session;
- Decision CE 15/94/D. 2.4 of the 15th Session of the Executive Council, in which the Council adopted the "Report of the Director General on the situation of Member States' contributions to the Organization's budget and on redressing the Organization's financial situation for financial year 1993 and the first semester of 1994" and the Report of the Committee set up by the Executive Council at its 14th session, which included proposals to solve the problems behind some Member States' delay in settling their contributions, as well as the problem of contribution rates of the States contesting their shares in the budget;
- Having examined the Report of the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee on item 2.5;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the "Report of Director General on the situation of Member States' contributions to the Organization's budget and on redressing the Organization's financial situation for the years 1991-1994", contained in Doc. CG 5/94/2.5 p.1, P.2;
2. Endorses the decisions adopted by the Executive Council at its previous sessions, in particular Decision CE 15/94/D. 2.4 adopted by the Executive Council at its 15th session, and the proposals of the Committee set up by the Council at its 14th session;

3. Invites the representatives of Member States in the Conference and the members of the Executive Council to emphasize to the relevant organs in their respective countries the crucial importance of being committed to regularly settling their contributions as well as their arrears to ensure the smooth functioning of the Organization's work;
 4. Congratulates the Director General for his efforts in this regard.
- 25- Concerning item 4.1 on the Draft Amendments to the Charter of the Organization, the Conference examined the document as proposed by the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee, introduced amendments thereto and adopted it as attached in Annex 10. It adopted the following resolution in this regard:

Resolution on Item 4.1 of the Agenda:

Draft Amendments to the Charter of the Organization

The General Conference,

- In accordance with the provisions of Article 20 of the Charter of the Organization;
- Considering the approval of two-thirds of Member States to cancel the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the General Conference for looking into the amendments to the Charter and internal regulations;
- Also considering Decision CE 13/94/D. 3.7 of the 13th session of the Executive Council, whereby it decided to consider the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the General Conference as cancelled from the legal and procedural views, and invited the Director General to place the items that were on the agenda of the following session of the General Conference and the Executive Council each one according to its competence;
- Having examined the Report of the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee on item 4.1;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

Adopts the amended Charter attached to the Fifth Session of the General Conference.

26- The Conference then addressed item 4.2 concerning the adoption of the amendments to the Personnel Regulations After deliberations, the Conference introduced some amendments thereto and adopted the document in the annexed version (Annex 11). It adopted the following resolution in this respect:

Resolution on Item 4.2 of the Agenda:

Adoption of the Amendments to the Personnel Regulations

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article 11, paragraph 3 of the Charter, Article 27 of the Personnel Regulations and Article 20, paragraph "k" of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Considering Decision CE 13/92/D.3.1 whereby the Executive Council adopted at its 13th session the amended Personnel Regulations as contained in the document attached to the final report of the said session, and invited the Director General to refer it to the General Conference for adoption;
- Having examined the Report of the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee on item 4.2;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

Adopts the amended Personnel Regulations attached to the Final Report of the Fifth Session of the General Conference.

26- Concerning item 4.3 on the draft amendments to the Financial Regulations, the Conference examined the proposals put forward by the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee and adopted the Financial Regulations in the attached version (Annex 12).

Resolution on Item 4.3 of the Agenda:

Draft Amendments to the Financial Regulations

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article 11, paragraph (3) of the Charter , and Articles 30 and 31 of the Financial Regulations;
- Considering the approval of two-thirds of Member States of the cancellation of the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the General Conference which was to consider the Amendments to the Charter and the internal regulations of the Organization;
- Also considering Decision CE 13/92/D.3.7 adopted by the Executive Council at its 13th Session, whereby it considered the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the General Conference cancelled from the legal and procedural views, and invited the Director General to place the items of the agenda of the cancelled Extraordinary Session on the agendas of the following sessions of the Conference and the Council, each one according to its competence;
- Having examined the Report of the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee on item 4.3;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

Approves the amended Financial Regulations attached to the Final Report of the Fifth Session of the General Conference.

28- Concerning item 4.4 on the Draft Amendments to the Rule of Procedure of the General Conference, the Conference examined the proposed project, adopted it in the attached version (Annex 13) and adopted the following resolution in this respect.

Resolution on Item 4.4 of the Agenda:

Draft Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Articles 24 and 25 of the Rules of Procefure of the General Conference;
- Considering Decision CE 13/92/D. 3.7 adopted by the Executive Council at its 13th session, by virtue of which it considered that the 3rd Extraordinary Session was cancelled from the legal and procedural views;

- Also considering the acceptance by two-thirds of Member States of this cancellation;
- Having examined the Report of the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee on item 4.4;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place.

Decides the following:

Approves the amended Rules of Procedure of the General Conference attached to the Final Report of the Fifth Session of the General Conference.

29- The Conference then examined the Draft Amendments to the Observer Status Regulations and adopted the document in the attached version (Annex 14); it adopted the following Resolution in this respect:

Resolution on Item 4.5 of the Agenda:

Draft Amendments to the Observer Status Regulations

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article 7 of the Charter;
- Considering the approval by two-thirds of Member States of the Cancellation of the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the General Conference, and considering Decision CE 13/92/D.3.7 adopted by the Executive Council at its 13th Session, by virtue of which it considered that the 3rd Extraordinary Session was cancelled from the legal and procedural views;
- Having examined the Report of the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee on item 4.5;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following:

Approves the amended Observer Status Regulations attached to the Final Report of the Fifth Session of the General Conference.

30- The President of the Conference gave the floor to Dr. Zouhair AL-Oua, Chairman of the Arab Union of Organizations Caring for the Deaf, who made a presentation on the Union and its noble goals and proposed to look into the

possibility of setting up an Islamic union caring for the deaf, to be placed under the supervision of the Islamic Organization –ISESCO (Annex 19).

31- The Minister of Education in the Arab Republic of Egypt took the floor and reaffirmed the proposal he had put forward at the First Working Session concerning the distance education project. After discussion, the General Conference approved that project in principle and mandated the Director General of the Organization to examine the project, formulate implementation mechanisms in cooperation with the Arab Republic of Egypt and seek to obtain extrabudgetary funds for financing the project.

Item 6.2: Renewal of the Director General's Term of Office

(Doc. CG.5/94/6.2)

32- The President of the Conference submitted item 6.2 concerning the renewal Director General's term of office and advised the Conference of the desire of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia to re-elect Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri as Director General for a second term of office. Amidst warm acclamation, the Conference unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution on Item 6.2 of the Agenda:

Renewal of the Director General's Term Office

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article 13 of the Charter of the Organization,
- Taking into consideration the desire of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to re-elect Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri as Director General of the Organization for another term of office,
- Noting, with satisfaction, the successful achievements of the Organization since the Fourth Session of the General Conference which elected Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri Director General of this Organization.
- Also noting with satisfaction the unanimous decision of Member States to re-elect the Director General, and to commend his outstanding performance in terms of ensuring the Organization's progress, asserting its presence, disseminating its radiance and achieving its objectives,

Decides the following:

1. Re-elects the Director General of the Organization, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, for another renewable term of office;
2. Thanks the Director General for his efforts in the service of the Organization's objectives and in the consolidation of its role in its fields of competence;
3. Invites the Director General to pursue his efforts aimed at developing the Organization and to continue improving its standing at all levels.

A number of heads of delegations reaffirmed their endorsement of this unanimity through befitting addresses, such as that of Dr. Mohamed Knidiri, Minister of Education in the Kingdom of Morocco, who said:

"I reiterate my congratulations, on behalf of the Kingdom of Morocco, to my brother H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, for the confidence placed in him by the General Conference. I would like to stress that the Kingdom of Morocco will continue providing full support to H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri so that he may carry on the fulfilment of the lofty mission of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization".

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33- The General Rapporteur of the Conference read out the Draft Final Report. After discussion, it was adopted unanimously.

34- The Conference addressed a message of thanks and appreciation to H.E. President Hafez Al-Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic, in which it expressed lavish thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the Syrian President for placing the Conference under his aegis as well as for the generous hospitality and warm welcome he extended to the Conference members (The message of thanks and gratitude addressed to H.E. President Hafez Al-Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic, is attached as Annex 15).

35- The Conference also addressed a message of sympathy and condolences following the death of the late Iranian scholar Ayatu Allah Al-Uzma Araki (The message of sympathy is attached as Annex 16).

36- H.E. Muhammad Al-Mili Ibrahim, Director General of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization, delivered an address in which he first thanked the President of the Syrian Arab Republic for hosting the Conference and expressed his admiration and appreciation for the efforts and accomplishments made by the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. He congratulated the Director General of the Organization, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, for the confidence placed in him, once again, by the General Conference and highlighted the positive cooperation existing between, the two organizations within the framework of the joint civilizational mission (See Annex 19).

37- H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, took the floor and reiterated his thanks and appreciation for H.E. President Hafez Al-Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic and patron of the Conference. He likewise extended thanks and gratitude to the President of the Conference, H.E. the Minister of Education in the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as to their Excellencies the members of the General Conference for the kind cooperation they manifested through their countries' support for the Organization and its Director General.

He expressed his conviction that the Organization has become a bastion of joint Islamic action and a top-quality model of solidarity in the fields of education, science and culture.

He then expressed thanks and appreciation to their Excellencies the heads of delegations to the Conference for renewing their confidence in him and for re-electing him for a new term of office. He stressed his firm resolve to pursue the fulfillment of the Organization's noble mission.

The Director General of ISESCO thanked H.E. Muhammad Ghassan Al-Halabi, President of the Conference and Minister of Education in the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as his assistants for the worthy efforts they exerted to ensure all conditions of success for the session (The address of H.E. the Director General of ISESCO at the Closing Session is attached as Annex 17).

38- The Conference's proceedings were concluded with the address of H.E. Mohammad Ghassan Al-Halabi, Minister of Education in the Syrian Arab Republic, in which he congratulated the Conference members for the success of

the Conference proceedings under the aegis of H.E. Hafez Al-Assad, President of the Syrian Arab republic. He highlighted Syria's civilizational mission and pointed out the Islamic Organization's role in the field of the Islamic solidarity. He called on the Member States to continue supporting the Organization and its Director General, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, for his vast experience which entitles him to steer the Organization in the right direction. He likewise reiterated his thanks to the Conference members and the representatives of Islamic, Arab and international organizations for the efforts they exerted, which were obviously instrumental in ensuring the success of the Conference proceedings. He thanked the members of the organizing committee and the translation and documentation teams who contributed largely to the preparation of the Conference. He then declared the end of the proceedings of the 5th Session of the General Conference of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. (The address of H.E. the Minister of Education in the Syrian Arab Republic is attached as Annex 18).

39- H.E. the Minister of Education in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan proposed to address a message of thanks to H.E. Mohammad Ghassan Al-Halabi, Minister of Education in the Syrian Arab Republic, for his excellent conduct of the meetings of the 5th General Conference. The proposal was approved by all Conference members (The message of thanks addressed by the Conference members to H.E. Mr. Muhammad Ghassan Al-Halabi, Minister of Education in the Syrian Arab Republic, President of the 5th General Conference, is attached as Annex 20).