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Decision on Item 1.1 of the Agenda:

(Agenda)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Articles (22-24) of its Rules of Procedure, and
- Having considered the Draft Agenda of its 36th session as contained in Document (EC36/2015/1.1 Provisional),

Decides as follows:

- **Adopts** the Agenda of its 36th session as contained in Document (EC36/2015/1.1, adopted).



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Decision on Item 1.2 of the Agenda:

(Programme)

The Executive Council,

- Recalling Decision (EC35/2014/D.4.1) adopted by its 35th session (Rabat, 23/6/2014), whereby the Director General was mandated to fix the respective venues and dates for the Council's 36th session and the General Conference's 12th session,
- Considering the Republic of Azerbaijan's ascent to host the Executive Council's 36th session and the General Conference's 12th session in the period from 23 through 27 November 2015,
- Considering Decision (EC36/2015/D.1.1) adopted by the Executive Council regarding the Agenda of its current session, and
- Having considered the Draft Programme as contained in Document (EC36/2015/1.2 Provisional),

Decides as follows:

- **Adopts** the Programme of its 36th session as contained in Document (EC36/2015/1.2, Adopted).



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Decision on Item 2.1 of the Agenda:

**(Report of the Director General on
the Organization's Activities for 2014)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (20), paragraph (a), of its Rules of Procedure,
- Having examined the Report of the Director General on the Organization's Activities for 2014, as contained in Document (EC36/2015/2.1),
- Having listened to the presentation made by ISESCO Director General in this connection, and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the views and observations put forward by the Council members,

Decides as follows:

1. **Adopts** the Report of the Director General on the Organization's Activities for 2014 as contained in Document (EC36/2015/2.1).
2. **Hails** the steady efforts being exerted by the Director General to expand areas of cooperation with international and regional organizations as well as with Islamic and Arab institutions as part of programmes' implementation.
3. **Notes** the elaborate nature and high-quality typesetting of this report.
4. **Commends** the Organization's achievements in the various educational, scientific and cultural areas covered by this report, particularly those pertaining to dialogue of civilizations and religious tolerance.
5. **Invites** the Director General to intensify efforts for promoting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the member States, particularly in Al-Quds Al-Sahrif and in areas of conflict and tension in the Islamic world.

6. **Thanks** the Director General and his assistants for their outstanding efforts in pursuing implementation of programmes and rationalizing expenditure thereon, while taking into account the priorities and needs of the member States and the Muslim communities in non-member States.
7. **Agrees** to submit the Report, with a recommendation for approval, to the 12th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 2.2 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General for the Years 2010-2012 and Progress Report for the Years 2013-2015 on the Evaluation of the Organization's Action)

The Executive Council,

- Based on Decision (EC33/2012/D.2.3) of its 33rd session,
- Having considered the Report of the Director General for the Years 2010-2012 and Progress Report for the Years 2013-2015 on the Evaluation of the Organization's Action, as contained in Document (EC36/2015/D.2.2), which affirms that the Director General has seen to the implementation of the Council's decisions as required, by including in this document the data concerning the external evaluation of the programmes and activities implemented over the period 2010-2012,
- Having listened to the presentation made by ISESCO Director General,
- Commending the efforts of the Director General and his assistants in this connection, and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides as follows:

1. **Adopts** the Report of the Director General for the Years 2010-2012 and Progress Report for the Years 2013-2015 on the Evaluation of the Organization's Action, as contained in Document (EC36/2015/2.2), taking into consideration the observations of the Council members.
2. **Commends** the leading qualitative achievements made by the Organization over the reported period, and **appreciates** the report's methodology in highlighting the Organization's efforts and its contribution to the development process in the member States.

3. **Invites** the member States to further cooperate and interact with the external evaluation operations conducted by ISESCO within the framework of the implementation of the programmes and activities scheduled under the Action Plan.
4. **Invites** the Director General to present an evaluation report on the Organization's action for the years 2016-2018 to the 39th Executive Council and to the 13th General Conference.
5. **Agrees** to submit the Report, with a recommendation for approval, to the 12th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 2.3 of the Agenda:

**(Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts,
Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control
Committee for the Year 2014)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with:
 - Articles (16) and (19) of the Charter,
 - Article (20), paragraphs (b,e,f, g), of the Executive Council's Rules of Procedure of, and
 - Articles (19-20) and (24-29) of the Financial Regulations;
- Having considered the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts, Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Year 2014, as contained in Document (EC36/2015/2.3), and
- Having listened to the presentations made in this connection by the Director General, the representative of the Audit Company and the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee,

Decides as follows:

1. **Adopts** the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts, Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Year 2014, as contained in Document (EC36/2015/2.3), taking into consideration the observations of the Council members.
2. **Commends** the Director General's efforts in terms of financial resources collection, management, expenditure rationalization and development of the Organization's working mechanisms, and **invites** him to continue such commendable endeavours and fruitful efforts to obtain further support for the Organization's activities.

3. **Expresses** gratitude and appreciation to all personalities and parties having made grants to support the Organization over past years.
4. **Thanks** the Financial Control Committee and the Audit Company for preparing their respective reports.
5. **Agrees** to submit these reports, with a recommendation for approval, to the 12th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 2.4 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General on the Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Organization's Financial Situation for the Year 2014)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (6) of the Financial Regulations, and
- Having listened to the presentation made by the Director General in this connection,

Decides as follows:

- 1. Adopts** the Report of the Director General on the Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Organization's Financial Situation for the Year 2014, as contained in Document (EC36/2015/2.4), taking into consideration the observations of the Council members.
- 2. Expresses** gratitude and appreciation to the Director General for his sustained contacts with the member States to collect as much contributions as possible, and promote cooperation with international organizations as well as with regional and national institutions to secure support for the Organization's activities and programmes.
- 3. Calls on** the member States having failed to pay their contributions and/or arrears to the Organization to settle such contributions and/ or arrears at their earliest convenience, in accordance with their commitments, so as to enable the Organization to perform its functions and achieve its objectives.
- 4. Invites** the Director General to continue coordination and consultation with the member States with arrears in order to collect those arrears and agree on practical mechanisms for settlement thereof, in accordance with the Executive Council's decisions and the General Conference's resolutions in this regard.
- 5. Agrees** to submit the Report, with a recommendation for approval, to the 12th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 3.1 of the Agenda:

(Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2016-2018)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with:
 - Article (12), paragraph (c/III), of the Charter, and
 - Article (20), paragraph (c), of the Executive Council's Rules of Procedure;
- Recalling Decision (EC35/2014/D.3.1) of the Executive Council's 35th session whereby the Council adopted the Broad Lines of the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2016-2018,
- Having considered the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2016-2018, as contained in Document (EC36/2015/3.1),
- Commending the efforts exerted by the Director General and his assistants in this connection, and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides as follows:

- 1. Adopts** the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2016-2018, as contained in Document (EC36/2015/3.1), and **approves** its budget standing at **US\$ 45,210,498** to ensure its implementation, in such a way as to spare member States an increase in their current contributions, while taking into consideration the Council members' observations and proposals as well the priorities and needs of the member States and the Muslim communities in non-member States in the implementation process.
- 2. Approves** the special programmes, development projects and implementation mechanisms contained in the Draft Action Plan, and **invites** the Director General to channel those programmes and projects into addressing the priorities and needs of the member States and the Muslim communities, and to take the necessary measures for activating the Plan's implementation mechanisms in line with the Organization's objectives and civilizational mission.

3. **Invites** the member States to fully settle their due contributions, and the Director General to carry on his efforts to secure extra-budgetary resources for the implementation of the largest part possible of the Action Plan for 2016-2018.
4. **Invites** the Director General to see to the implementation of the Draft Action Plan, with particular emphasis on specialized conferences, major civilizational projects, field programmes and qualitative activities, in cooperation with Arab, Islamic and international organizations and institutions and with national and regional specialized associations and centres in the Member States.
5. **Commends** the approach adopted by the General Directorate in preparing this Plan, which is based on a comprehensive and multidisciplinary strategic vision combining realism, integration, harmony, innovation and anticipation.
6. **Thanks** the Director General and his assistants for preparing the Draft Action Plan and Budget for 2016-2018.
7. **Agrees** to submit the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget, with a recommendation for approval, to the 12th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 4.1 of the Agenda:

(Amendment to ISESCO Organizational Chart)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with:
 - Article (12) of the Charter,
 - Article (12), paragraph (d), of the General Conference's Rules of Procedure, and
 - Article (20), paragraph (g), of the Executive Council's Rules of Procedure;
- Having considered Document (EC36/2015/4.1) submitted by the Director General in this connection, and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the opinions and observations put forward by the Council members,

Decides as follows:

- 1. Adopts** the Draft Amendment to ISESCO Organizational Chart as contained in Document (EC36/2015/4.1 Adopted).
- 2. Thanks** the Director General and his assistants for having prepared this document.
- 3. Agrees** to submit this amendment, with a recommendation for approval, to the 12th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 4.2 of the Agenda:

(Amendment to ISESCO Charter and Internal Regulations)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (12) of the Charter,
- In accordance with Article (20), paragraph (g), of the Executive Council's Rules of Procedure,
- Having considered the Draft Amendment to ISESCO Charter and Internal Regulations, as contained in Document (EC36/2015/4.2),
- Having listened to the explanations made by the Director General in this connection, and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides as follows:

1. **Adopts** the Draft Amendment to ISESCO Charter and Internal Regulations, as contained in Document (EC36/2015/4.2 Adopted).
2. **Thanks** the Director General and his assistants for having prepared this document.
3. **Agrees** to submit the Draft Amendment to ISESCO Charter and Internal Regulations, with a recommendation for approval, to the 12th General Conference.



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**Decision on Item 4.3 of the Agenda:
(Situation of ISESCO Regional Offices)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (12), paragraphs (c) and (k), of the General Conference's Rules of Procedure,
- In accordance with Article (20), paragraphs (g), of the Executive Council's Rules of Procedure
- Having considered the Situation of ISESCO Regional Offices as described in Document (EC36/2015/4.3), and
- Having listened to the presentation made by the Director General in this connection,

Decides as follows:

- 1. Adopts** Document (EC36/2015/4.3) on the situation of ISESCO regional offices.
- 2. Takes note** of the enforcement of Resolution (GC11/2012/R.4.3) of the 11th General Conference on ISESCO Regional Office in Tehran, and **supports** the Director General's contacts and understandings with the Iranian competent parties in this regard.
- 3. Welcomes** on the application of the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting a regional office of ISESCO in Baku, **invites** it to fulfil all the conditions fixed in this regard, and to provide all facilitations to the Office to deliver its mission in the best conditions possible.
- 4. Mandates** the Director General to carry on with the measures for opening the Regional Office of Baku, as well as for opening new regional offices in other regions of the Member States, and to agree with the competent officials on conditions for opening such offices.
- 5. Agrees** to submit the Document, with a recommendation for approval, to the 12th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 4.4 of the Agenda: (Modification to ISESCO Logo)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (24) of the Executive Council's Rules of Procedure,
- Having examined the draft new logo of ISESCO, and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides as follows:

- 1. Adopts** the draft new logo of ISESCO.
- 2. Agrees** to submit the draft new logo, with a recommendation for approval, to the 12th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 5.1 of the Agenda:

(Preparation for the General Conference's 12th Session)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (20), paragraph (d), of its Rules of Procedure, and
- Having considered the General Conference's Draft Agenda and Draft Programme, and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides as follows:

Adopts the General Conference's Draft Agenda and Draft Programme, as contained in Documents (GC12/2015/1.2 Provisional) and (GC12/2015/1.3 Provisional) respectively, **approves** the inclusion therein of a new item on the convening of the Donors Conference to Support the Education Sector in the Federal Republic of Somalia, and **recommends** adoption thereof to the 12th General Conference.



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Decision on Item 5.2 of the Agenda:

(Re-election of the Director General)

The Executive Council,

- In recognition of the great efforts made by the Director General, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, and having reviewed the outstanding achievements made, with the grace of Allah, by the Organization, along with the Director General's sustained efforts and his continued and earnest endeavours, either in terms of effective implementation of programmes and activities, sound management of the General Directorate, innovation of the successive action plans whose development and implementation he has supervised; or in terms of developing a large network of cooperation and partnership with international and regional organizations, enhancing joint Islamic action in education, science, culture and communication, and consolidating the Organization's role in international conferences and events, all of which earned him the high esteem of the Heads of Member States and chiefs of international and regional institutions, who paid tribute to him and honoured him with the most prestigious distinctions in recognition of his outstanding role in developing the Organization and asserting the special status it holds among the major international institutions operating in the different areas of civilizational development;
- In accordance with Article (20), paragraph (j), of the Executive Council's Rules of Procedure, and
- In accordance with Decision (EC35/2014) and Decision (EC36/2015) of the Council's 35th and 36th sessions respectively,

Decides as follows:

1. **Recommends** that the 12th General Conference re-elect Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri as Director General of ISESCO for a new term as of 1 January 2016.

2. **Renews** thanks and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for their kind positive response to the Council's request to them to re-nominate Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri for the post of ISESCO Director General.
3. **Thanks** Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri for his outstanding efforts as Director General of ISESCO.



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Decision on Item 5.3 of the Agenda:

(Date and Venue for the Executive Council's 37th Session)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (9) of its Rules of Procedure, whereby it sets, in each one of its sessions, the date and venue for the following session,
- Having considered Document (EC36/2015/5.3), and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides as follows:

To hold its 37th session in the second half of 2016, at ISESCO headquarters in Rabat, and **mandates** the Director General to take the necessary measures in this connection.