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With the Grace of Allah, the General Conference of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) convened its 12th session in Baku, capital of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on 14-15 Safar 1437 A.H., corresponding to 26-27 November 2015, under the patronage of His Excellency Mr Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, with the participation of all Member States, except for the Republic of Yemen, the Republic of Suriname, the Republic of Djibouti and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. Also in attendance in this session were the representatives of Islamic, Arab and international organizations.

1. The opening session was held under the presidency of His Excellency Mr Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and in the presence of Her Excellency First Lady Mrs Mehriban Aliyeva, UNESCO/ISESCO Goodwill Ambassador; H.E. Dr Boubakar Doukouré, Chairman of ISESCO Executive Council; H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, ISESCO Director General; H.E. Dr Mohammad bin Abdulaziz Al Ohali, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Higher Education for Education Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on behalf of the President of ISESCO's 11th General Conference; H.E. Ms Mehla Ahmed Talebna, Director General for Cultural, Social and Family Affairs at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC); a number of ISESCO Goodwill Ambassadors; a select of ministers of the Azerbaijani government and national senior officials; and a host of representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited to Azerbaijan.
2. After recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, H.E. Mr Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, gave an address in which he welcomed the delegations participating in the Conference, expressing his delight at the convening of the 12th session of the General Conference in Baku, which is an important event that would provide the participants with the opportunity to be acquainted with the present situation, heritage and achievements of the Republic of Azerbaijan. He also praised ISESCO's high status among international organizations, crucial role in its areas of competence and considerable achievements especially during the last years under the leadership of its Director General, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri. In the same vein, he confirmed Azerbaijan's strong and unflagging support to ISESCO through active participation in the Organization's activities, through the hosting of major activities, in cooperation with the Organization, such as the festivities held throughout 2009 to mark the celebration of Baku as the Islamic Culture Capital and the selection of Nakhchivan in the Republic of Azerbaijan as the 2018 Islamic Culture Capital, and through ISESCO Regional Office in Azerbaijan which will soon be inaugurated to support cooperation and joint Islamic action. In addition, the President commended ISESCO's firm and unqualified support to his country through the strong

positions of its Director General, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, in support of Azerbaijan's just cause to recover its Nagorno-Karabakh region which is occupied by Armenia. In this regard, he pointed that Armenia has always ignored all resolutions of relevant international institutions, including the United Nations, demanding its withdrawal from this region which constitutes nearly 20% of Azerbaijan's surface area and which has suffered ethnic cleansing and displacement of more than 20 million Azerbaijani citizens in addition to the destruction of buildings and mosques and the killings by Armenian terrorist organizations of a large number of Azerbaijani nationals. This, he went on saying, proves that terrorism is not associated with a specific religion or identity. Furthermore, he stated that the attempts by some quarters to associate Islam with terrorism are in fact seeking to escalate tensions and expand the scope of Islamophobia, which constitute a violation of the principles of international justice and peace.

By the same token, President Aliyev stressed that his country seeks to present the correct image of Islam through spreading lofty Islamic values, publicizing Islamic culture and art and expanding the international reach of Islamic culture. He also reviewed the major international events hosted by the Republic of Azerbaijan in support of dialogue among cultures and civilizations, expressing his hope that Muslim countries will benefit from Azerbaijan's cultural, educational and development-related experience.

3. Following his address, H.E. Mr Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, honoured H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri with the Order of Friendship (Dostluq Order).
4. Then, H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, ISESCO Director General, delivered an address wherein he extended his sincere thanks and gratitude to His Excellency Mr Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, for awarding him the Order of Friendship which is an honour to joint Islamic action in the areas of education, science, culture and communication, and for his esteemed country's hosting of the current session of this Conference. As well as commending the wise strategic choices of his eloquent address which the Organization will draw on in its line of action, Dr Altwaijri wished His Excellency full success in leading the Republic of Azerbaijan towards further progress and prosperity. He also welcomed the First Lady of Azerbaijan, expressing his deep appreciation to the roles she is performing in support of the Organization's action. Besides, he reiterated his full support on behalf of the Organization for the just claims of the Republic of Azerbaijan to recover its territories occupied by Armenia. In addition, ISESCO Director General stated that this session of the General Conference is held at a crucial stage of ISESCO's forward march over 33 years of existence at the frontline of joint Islamic action, giving considerable impetus to Islamic solidarity and boosting the educational, scientific and cultural advancement of Member States.

Moreover, Dr Altwaijri pointed to the insightful and proactive dimension of the draft Action Plan and Budget for the Years (2016-2018) under which three strategic objectives have been identified for the coming three-year period. In this regard, he said that these focus on mobilizing the youth for joint Islamic action and sustainable development, the

aim being to increase understanding of and maximize their potential for development. Another objective is centered on the promotion of quality, governance and equality of opportunity within Member States' policies for education, science, culture and communication. As for the third strategic objective, emphasis is placed on the promotion of human rights culture and respect for otherness towards social peace and coexistence.

Furthermore, he stressed that the tremendous record of achievement by ISESCO under the 2013-2015 Action Plan as contained in the report of the Director General on ISESCO's activities for the years 2012-2014 and the report of the Director General on the evaluation of the Organization's action, both to be examined by the Conference, is very reflective of the progress made at all levels. Both reports, he went on saying, provide strong indication of ISESCO's success as an added value for joint Islamic action with its various channels as part of the OIC, stressing that these achievements impose the additional responsibility to move forward with this constructive approach in order to achieve the objectives enshrined in ISESCO's Charter. As for the situation in some Member States marked by conflicts, the increasing trend of barbaric terrorism and the spread of abhorrent sectarianism, with all the resultant crises and problems affecting the fields of education, science and culture, ISESCO Director General emphasized that the call for peace and harmony among the peoples of the Islamic world and rejection of sectarianism, extremism, intolerance, terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and interference in the affairs of Member States should be combined with a committed action towards building peace in the hearts and minds so that peace can be maintained on earth.

5. Afterwards, ISESCO 2015 Literacy Prize for the African region was awarded to the International Center for Islamic Culture and Education in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in recognition of its efforts in literacy.
6. Before leaving the conference hall, H.E. Mr Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, took a group photo with the heads of participating delegations. Then, a reception was given in honour of participants.
7. After resumption of the opening session, H.E. Dr Mohammad bin Abdulaziz Al Ohali, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Higher Education for Education Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, took the floor on behalf of the President of ISESCO's 11th General Conference, H.E. Dr Azzam bin Mohammed Al-Dakhil, who failed to attend this Conference due to unforeseen circumstances, and extended thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Mr Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, for his country's hosting of this session of the General Conference, and for his commendable efforts towards strengthening cooperation and partnership between the Member States, and continued support to ISESCO.

He also praised the steady progress made by ISESCO along with the record of achievement which have substantially enhanced the Organization's status to currently achieve a high level of innovation, development, efficiency and credibility, with the grace of Allah, and thanks to the firm and efficient management of the General Directorate which highly

values responsibility and addresses the needs of Member States and Muslim communities outside the Islamic world. Besides, he stressed that there is dire need at this juncture in the Islamic world to significantly upgrade Member States' capacities in the fields of education, science, technology, culture and communication, which are at the core of ISESCO's mission and to strengthen Islamic solidarity in order to resolve the crises taking place in many parts of the Muslim world.

He further emphasized that ISESCO's continued success hinges upon the support provided by Member States to promote joint Islamic action and Islamic solidarity and to build a common future wherein the peoples of the Islamic world will enjoy prosperity and security. In addition, he expressed confidence that ISESCO will have a greater say in edifying this hoped-for future.

At the close of his address, he conveyed his thanks and appreciation to H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, ISESCO Director General, for his wise and sound management of the Organization, high level abilities and extensive experience, thus enabling ISESCO to be one of the prominent landmarks in the Muslim world's civilizational renaissance.

8. The floor was then held by H.E. Dr Boubakar Doukouré, Chairman of ISESCO Executive Council, who extended in his name and on behalf of the Council members, thanks to the government of the Republic of Azerbaijan for offering to host the Executive Council and the General Conference and for providing constant support to ISESCO, under the instructions of His Excellency President Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan. He also pointed out that the Executive Council at its 36th session held in Baku, three days before, discussed in detail issues of extreme importance that fall within ISESCO's focus areas on top of which are the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2016-2018 that the Executive Council submitted to the General Conference, with a recommendation for adoption. He added that they also adopted important documents containing organizational matters which would, after endorsement by the General Conference, give new impetus to the Organization and enable it to pursue its civilizational mission.

In addition, Dr Doukouré stressed that the renewal of the civilizational mission of ISESCO hinges much on the role of their Excellencies the heads of the delegations taking part in the General Conference. He explained that there is a crucial relationship between the General Conference's successful completion of its functions and the significant outcomes it yields at each session, on the one hand; and the Organization's embarking on a more successful and meaningful stage with a stronger impact of its efforts under its successive three-year action plans, on the other hand. In the same vein, he emphasized that the strengthening of Islamic unity is not an exclusive task of political leaders and officials, but is a comprehensive, multi-dimensional mission spanning the spheres of education, science and culture, which together constitute ISESCO's realm of action.

Furthermore, Dr Doukouré expressed pride in ISESCO's considerable progress, while extending his thanks and appreciation to H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, ISESCO Director General, for the great efforts he is making to develop the Organization's action

and enlarge its scope, and for the outstanding achievements which have earned the Organization a good reputation as a respectable international organization. He also expressed his sincere appreciation and gratitude to the President, government and people of the Republic of Azerbaijan for their lavish hospitality and warm welcome.

9. Then, H.E. Ms Mehla Ahmed Talebna, Director General for Cultural, Social and Family Affairs at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), read out the address of H.E. Mr Iyad Madani, OIC Secretary General, in which she conveyed the OIC's gratitude to His Excellency Mr Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, for his constant support, through his profound leadership, in projecting and profiling Islamic culture and devotion in investing education to empower young generations. She also praised the significant work being done by ISESCO to uphold the profile of Islamic culture, preservation of Islamic cultural sites, promoting dialogue among civilizations and enhancing quality scientific and technological education in the Member States. Besides, she reiterated the OIC's support to ISESCO in its plans and efforts to further enhance joint Islamic action in education, science, culture and communication.

In addition, Ms Talebna underlined the need for all stakeholders to take on their responsibilities vis-à-vis the challenges facing various parts of the Muslim world, including Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif where Israel continues to pursue a systematic process of altering the Islamic identity, discrimination against Muslims as a result of Islamophobia, and promotion of dialogue among cultures and civilizations to defuse and eradicate existing tensions. In the same vein, she called for enhancing the values of tolerance, brotherhood and cultural cooperation and providing education for all in the regions where a large portion of the population still suffers from lack of fulfilment of their basic rights including the access to education, healthcare and the right to development etc.

Moreover, she stressed that ISESCO and the OIC are sharing the same platform for the promotion of Member States' development and well-being and the advancement of science, technology and innovation. She concluded the Secretary General's address by reiterating thanks to the Republic of Azerbaijan for ensuring the appropriate conditions for convening this Conference.

10. In a fitting tribute to a select of prominent personalities at the governmental and international levels and members of the Executive Council who substantially contributed to the strengthening of joint Islamic action in the educational, scientific and intellectual areas, ISESCO Gold Medal was awarded to:
 - **H.E. Dr Abulfaz Garayev**, Minister of Culture and Tourism, Chairman of the National Commission Governmental Agency responsible for cooperation with ISESCO, Republic of Azerbaijan;
 - **H.E Dr Mohd A. Wahed Alhamadi**, Minister of Education and Higher Education, Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Education, State of Qatar;

- **H.E. Dr Minkailu Bah**, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Republic of Sierra Leone;
- **H.E. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman**, Minister of State Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, Islamic Republic of Pakistan;
- **H.E. Mr Mahmoud Ismail Ali**, Chairman of the Palestinian National Commission, Member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), State of Palestine;
- **H.E. Dr Boubakar Doukouré**, Advisor on Islamic Affairs to the President of Burkina Faso, Permanent Delegate of Burkina Faso to the OIC (ISESCO Executive Council member), Burkina Faso;
- **H.E. Dr Abdullah Hamad Muharib**, Director General, Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO);
- **H.E. Dr Mohamedou Salem Bouka**, Director General, Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU);
- **H.E. Ambassador Oumar Seck**, Director of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC);
- **H.E. Mr Ali Mehad Al-Suwaidi**, Assistant Undersecretary, Ministry of Education, State of the United Arab Emirates;
- **H.E. Mr Khalilollah Babaloo**, Vice-Minister of Education for International Affairs, Secretary General for ISESCO National Commission, Islamic Republic of Iran;
- **H.E. Dr Yessoufou Soulémana**, Director of the Institute of Arabic Language and Islamic Culture (ISESCO Executive Council Member), Republic of Benin;
- **H.E. Mr Ali Salissou**, National Coordinator of ISESCO (ISESCO Executive Council Member), Republic of Togo;
- **H.E. Mr Elsir Elsheikh Ahmed Mukhtar**, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education (ISESCO Executive Council Member), Republic of the Sudan;
- **H.E. Mr Ibrahima Diakhate**, Ambassador of the Republic of Senegal to the Sultanate of Oman (ISESCO Executive Council Member), Republic of Senegal;
- **H.E. Mr Esam Hussein Muse El-Jama**, Secretary General of the Somali National Commission (ISESCO Executive Council Member), Federal Republic of Somalia;
- **H.E. Mr Mohamed Saleem Hamed Al-Yaqoobi**, Secretary of Oman National Commission for Education, Culture and Science (ISESCO Executive Council Member), Sultanate of Oman;
- **H.E. Mr Seindou Cisse**, Technical Adviser of the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, National Coordinator of ISESCO in Côte D'Ivoire (ISESCO Executive Council member), Republic of Côte D'Ivoire;
- **H.E. Dr Chouaib Ismail**, Secretary General of Mauritanian National Commission (ISESCO Executive Council member), Islamic Republic of Mauritania; and

- **H.E. Dato Sri Dr Khair Bin Mohamed Yusof**, Director General of Education (ISESCO Executive Council member), Malaysia.
11. Before the beginning of the conference's working sessions, the Bureau of the 11th General Conference examined the credentials of the Member States' delegations participating in the 12th session of the General Conference, and took the relevant attached resolution.
 12. On the occasion of the 12th session of the General Conference, the Organization held the 1st meeting of ISESCO Goodwill Ambassadors for Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations under the presidency of H.E. First Lady Mrs Mehriban Aliyeva, ISESCO Goodwill Ambassador, and H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, ISESCO Director General, and in the presence of H.E. Dr Abulfaz Garayev, Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr Mikayil Jabbarov, Minister of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and a host of ambassadors. During this meeting, the participants examined a set of documents placed on the agenda and approved a number of projects and proposals put forward by their Excellencies the Ambassadors. They also decided to hold their second meeting as part of the Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, due to be held in Baku in April 2016.
 13. In a bid to enhance partnership with specialized scientific institutions, ISESCO Director General signed a Memorandum of Understanding with H.E. Dr Darkhan Kydyrali, President of the International Turkic Academy. The MoU provides for cooperation in areas of common interest.
 14. Then, a procedural session was held in which the Draft Agenda and Draft Programme were examined and adopted, and the Bureau was formed as per the relevant attached resolutions.
 15. In recognition of his special efforts and outstanding achievements that contributed to steady progress and development under his wise governance, and on the recommendation of the Executive Council at its 36th session, the General Conference unanimously elected H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri as Director General of the Organization for two consecutive, renewable three-year terms as from 1st January 2016, as stated in the relevant attached resolution.
 16. Then, H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, ISESCO Director General to extend his heartfelt thanks to the Heads of Member States' delegations for his re-election as ISESCO Director General for two consecutive terms and their renewed confidence in him at the head of the Organization. He also expressed his determination to continue his efforts and endeavours towards discharging the Organization's mission and addressing the considerable challenges facing the Muslim world at this particular juncture.
 17. Afterwards, H.E. Mr Abulfaz Garayev, Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan, President of the 12th General Conference, made an address in which he congratulated H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri on behalf of the Member States on his re-election as Director General of the Organization for two consecutive terms, while expressing confidence that his re-election will foster understanding among nations and cultures and further boost joint Islamic action.

18. Thereafter, H.E. Dr Boubakar Doukouré, Chairman of the Executive Council, presented the Executive Council's Activity Report for the Period between the 11th and 12th Sessions of the General Conference in which he congratulated H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri on his re-election by the General Conference as a Director General of the Organization for two terms of office. He also reviewed the academic and financial reports and documents submitted by ISESCO General Directorate between the two sessions of the Conference, while praising the close and effective cooperation with the General Directorate and the efforts made by the Council members in this regard. The report was then adopted as per the relevant attached resolution.
19. Then, ISESCO Director General presented his report on ISESCO's Activities for the Years 2012-2014 highlighting the major achievements made in education, science, culture and communication for the benefit of Member States and Muslim communities outside the Islamic world. The report was then adopted as per the relevant attached resolution.
20. The President of the Conference invited the Programmes Committee and the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee to hold their meetings to examine the items placed on their agendas and present their respective reports and decisions to the plenary session of the Conference for endorsement.
21. Then, their Excellencies the Heads of Delegation gave their statements in which they congratulated H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri on his re-election as a Director General of ISESCO. They also praised the qualitative progress achieved by the Organization under the 2012-2014 Action Plan and its active presence at international forums under the wise leadership of H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri. Besides, the heads of delegation pointed out the efforts deployed by their governments and organizations in the fields of education, science, culture and communication. In addition, they put forward a set of ideas and proposals to further expand the Organization's action and enhance its performance. The Conference took note of these statements, reports and presentations and took the relevant attached resolution.
22. Then, the members of the General Conference listened to the presentation on the project of holding the Donors' Conference for Promoting the Sector of Education in the Federal Republic of Somalia and took the relevant attached resolution.
23. The Conference accredited the Executive Council's members as per the attached list and resolution.
24. The General Conference decided to hold its 13th session as per the attached resolution.
25. Before closing the plenary session, the Conference agreed on the proposal of the Director General to increase the salaries of the staff members of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), from both classes, at a rate ranging from 5 to 11% of the gross salary, as from 1st January 2016, pursuant to Article 27 of the Personnel Regulations which provides that salary tables shall be adjusted whenever it becomes evident that the cost of living in the Seat Country has risen. This rise in the cost of living has been clearly ascertained by the General Directorate before proposing this increase to the Conference.

Programmes Committee

Report of the Programmes Committee

The Programmes Committee emanating from the 12th General Conference of ISESCO convened on 14 Safar 1437 A.H, corresponding to 26 November 2015, with the Republic of Côte D'Ivoire as Chair.

After the adoption of the Committee's Programme, the representative of the General Directorate presented the Report of the Director General for the Years 2010- 2012, along with the Progress Report for the Years 2013-2015 on the Evaluation of the Organization's Action, which contains the final conclusions, both quantitative and qualitative, concerning the activities and programmes implemented over the period from 2010 to 2012, and sets out progress on the implementation of activities over the period from 1 January 2013 to June 2015.

She also presented the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2016-2018, and explained the new features of form and content making its originality compared with the previous action plans. She then communicated to the Committee the observations made by the Executive Council members at the Council's 36th session concerning the Draft Action Plan and Budget for 2016-2018, along with their recommendation to the Conference to adopt it.

During discussions, the Committee adopted the observations and suggestions of the Executive Council's 36th session concerning the Draft Action Plan and Budget for 2016-2018, and added to them several proposals pertaining to the same document. These observations and suggestions can be summarized as follows:

- **Commending** the 2016-2018 Action Plan and Budget for its profound strategic vision, high quality in terms of methodology and content, sound drafting and integrated trend in the projects which cover the issues and fields falling under the Organization's ambit in such a way as to address the Member States' needs and priorities and advance the new United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (2016-2030); and **extending** thanks to ISESCO Director General and his assistants for their valuable efforts in preparing this reference document with a view to further developing the Organization's working mechanisms.
- **Stressing** the need to strengthen coordination and cooperation between ISESCO and the Member States and further invigorate the role of the National Commissions in order to translate the Plan's projects into practical programmes with profound impact and substantial benefit to all Member States.
- **Commending** the practical, procedural dimension of the new plan which has accurately identified objectives for the scheduled projects and programmes, put forward quality and quantity indicators for measurement and assessment and given precedence to the practical training dimension of capacity building in the proposed projects over the theoretical aspects.

- **Moving forward** with the methodological development and improvement of ISESCO's action plan in the future so that it can be elaborated as a matrix to be presented into a digital format.
- **Emphasizing** the cardinal importance of addressing the issues of the youth and invigorating their roles in fostering sustainable development and coexistence.
- **Placing focus** on issues of the Islamic identity through continued attention to the teaching of the Arabic language and promoting its wider use in its Islamic surroundings as well as consolidation of programmes for the preservation of Islamic heritage, particularly in areas of occupation, attacks and conflicts such as Al-Quds Al-Sharif and other cities in the Muslim world.
- **Devoting further attention** to vulnerable categories in areas of conflict and war, particularly refugee children who are in dire need of psychological and educational care.
- **Putting emphasis** on the attention given by the Plan to issues pertaining to education on human rights, the culture of difference and values of tolerance, through focus on the implementation of programmes to provide teachers with adequate academic and professional training so that they can perform their mission in educating new generations on values of middle stance and tolerance and in rejection of violence within and outside schools.
- **Emphasizing** ISESCO's constructive choice in its action plan to align educational, scientific, cultural and communication issues with sustainable development plans and goals in the Member States and to promote the values of quality and governance as well as initiatives for youth involvement into development and decision-making.
- **Providing** the appropriate opportunities and mechanisms to draw on the Member States' initiatives, leading experiences and specialized centres in the Organization's fields of competence, and activating cooperation and partnership with international, regional and national organizations with common interest.
- **Conducting** specialized research and studies on extremism and terrorism and on the causes of their spread among the youth and teenagers in the Muslim world; and **capitalizing on** them in addressing such phenomena.
- **Laying stress** on the moral, social, health and environmental aspects in literacy and adult education programmes, especially those geared to girls and women.
- **Enhancing** the roles of the national commissions and supporting their efforts geared to the implementation of ISESCO's programmes and projects by empowering them to take initiatives, and by developing their staff capacities and their working methods.
- **Maintaining** support in a more efficient way to the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and occupied Palestine, in a way commensurate with

the gravity of challenges and suffering being endured by the Palestinian people as a result of the Israeli Occupation's schemes, practices and aggressions aimed at obliterating their memory through targeting the Palestinian culture, historical landmarks and educational and scientific institutions.

- **Strengthening** ISESCO's role and efforts on the largest scale possible in the member States, by moving forward with the implementation of programmes, using the local languages of Muslim peoples and encouraging the translation of such programmes' working documents into the local and national languages of the member States.

Thereafter, the Committee adopted the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2016-2018 (Document GC12/2015/3.1), as per Resolution (GC 12/2015/R.3.1)

The Committee also adopted the Director General's Report for the Years 2010- 2012 and Progress Report for the Years 2013-2015 on the Evaluation of the Organization's Action (Document GC12/2015/2.3), as per Resolution (GC12/2015/R.2.3).

**Administrative, Financial
and Legal Affairs Committee**

Report of the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee

The Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee emanating from the 12th General Conference of ISESCO convened on 14 Safar 1437 A.H, corresponding to 26 November 2015, with the Republic of Tunisia as Chair.

After the adoption of the Committee's Programme, the representative of ISESCO General Directorate presented the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts, Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Years 2012-2014, as well as 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 same period. Then, the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee presented the Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Years 2012-2014. Afterwards, the representative of ISESCO General Directorate presented the proposals concerning the amendments to ISESCO's Charter, Internal Regulations and Organizational Chart, the situation of ISESCO Regional Offices, and the modification to ISESCO's logo. Then, he briefed the Committee on the relevant decisions taken by the Executive Council in this regard.

The Committee members commended the wise policy of the General Directorate, which devotes more than two thirds of the Organization's budget to the implementation of its programmes scheduled under its action plan and to the rationalization of its expenses. In the same vein, they expressed their appreciation of the Director General's efforts devoted to the collection of Member States contributions and off-budget financial resources. They lauded the General Directorate's strategic policy aimed at developing the internal working mechanisms of the Organization through the creation of a new directorate and the extension of the functions of several divisions with the aim of enhancing cooperation and field interactions with the Member States through the existing regional offices and the ones to be created.

After discussions, the Committee adopted the following reports, documents, and resolutions:

- **Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts, Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Years 2012-2014 (Document GC12/2015/2.4), as per Resolution (GC12/2015/R.2.4).**
- **Report of the Director General on the Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization for the Years 2012-2014 (Document GC12/2015/2.5), as per Resolution (GC12/2015/R.2.5).**
- **Amendment to ISESCO Organizational Chart (Document GC12/2015/4.1), as per Resolution (GC12/2015/R.4.1).**

- **Amendment to ISESCO Charter and Internal Regulations (Document GC12/2015/4.2), as per Resolution (GC12/2015/R.4.2).**
- **Situation of ISESCO Regional Offices (Document GC12/2015/4.3), as per Resolution (GC 12/2015/R.4.3).**
- **Modification to ISESCO Logo (Document GC12/2015/4.4), as per Resolution (GC 12/2015/R.4.4).**