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*Praise be to Allah and peace and blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad,  
his kith and kin*

**Excellency Mr Abulfaz Garayev, President of the 12<sup>th</sup> General Conference  
of ISESCO,**

**Excellency Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Director General of the Islamic  
Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO),**

**Excellency Mr Mohamed Laaraj, Minister of Culture and Communication  
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**Excellency Mr Mahmoud Ismaile, Chairman of the Palestinian National  
Commission for Education, Science and Culture, Vice-President of the 12<sup>th</sup>  
General Conference,**

**Excellencies heads of delegation,**

**Excellencies,**

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

**Assalamu alaikum warahmatu Allah wabarakatuh,**

I am very delighted to address you at the opening session of the 13<sup>th</sup> General Conference of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) on behalf of the Organization's Executive Council, wishing every success for this Conference so as to deliver considerable outcomes that will give a strong impetus to our organization to attain more successes and achievements.

It is such an honor to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, may Allah preserve him, for his sustained care to ISESCO and for the support of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Seat Country, to the Organization to enable it to fully discharge its missions and assume its responsibilities in the best conditions.

I am pleased to congratulate my brother H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, ISESCO Director General, on the tremendous efforts he devoted in the perfect preparation for this major conference and on the important resolutions expected from this Conference which will surely, Allah willing, have strong and effective impact on our Islamic organization in the present and the future.

I am also pleased to congratulate Their Excellencies the heads of delegation for their Conference that we hope will be a landmark in the history of ISESCO and a turning point of a new phase in its course.

**Excellency President of the Conference,**

**Excellency Director General,**

**Excellencies heads of delegation,**

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

Last Tuesday we concluded a successful session of the Executive Council, where we adopted a number of decisions upon the examination of well-conducted, transparent and complementary reports and documents. This mirrors the high level our long-standing Organization attained and the meticulous work of its staff, under the competent, wise and clear-sighted leadership of H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri.

We have no doubt that the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference will be, Allah willing, even more successful, beneficial and influential in a way

that adds to the Organization's record of achievements, and strengthens its status, thus maintaining the streak of steady growth, excellence, and competence. This way, ISESCO will achieve more of its set noble goals, which is a source of pride for us all, be it at the General Conference, the Executive Council or at the General Directorate.

Amid this prevailing spirit of satisfaction, I would like to reaffirm that the tremendous and sustained efforts exerted by H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri and his assistants to prepare for this key conference we are opening today, are worthy of our appreciation and respect, as we beseech Allah Almighty to grant him more success to continue discharging his noble missions, in service of our glorious Ummah.

In the same vein, ISESCO has become, by Allah's grace, and thanks to the support of its Member States, and to its conscientious, dedicated and advanced administration, one of the key organizations that uphold joint Islamic action, with an active presence at both the Islamic and international arenas. It is for this reason that we must sustain our support to it and provide the necessary working tools for it to assuredly and steadily carry on its mission towards more edification, development and revival.

I thank you all, wishing this esteemed conference every success, and beseeching Allah Almighty to grant us success in service of our Organization and Member States, and guide us all onto the right path.

***Wassalamu alaikum wa rahmatu Allah wa barakatuh.***