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## Final Report

The Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) held its 39<sup>th</sup> session at ISESCO headquarters in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 28-29 Muharram 1440 A.H./8-9 October 2018. Taking part in this session were the members of the Executive Council and their accompanying delegations except representatives of the Republic Of Indonesia, Republic of Tajikistan, The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Republic of Surinam, Republic of Kyrgyzstan and the Republic of Lebanon.

1. The opening session was presided over by H.E. Dr Boubakar Doukouré, Chairman of ISESCO Executive Council, with the presence of H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, ISESCO Director General, and a number of personalities accompanying the members of the Council and the officials concerned from ISESCO General Directorate.
2. After recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, H.E. Dr Boubakar Doukouré, Chairman of ISESCO Executive Council, made an address in which he declared open the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council. He first expressed his thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohamed VI of Morocco for the constant care he provides to ISESCO as well as to the government of the Kingdom of Morocco for its support to the Organization. He strongly hailed ISESCO's successful record in 2017 stating that the contents of the reports and documents submitted to this session of the Executive Council affirm the Organization's renewed resolve to forge ahead with further accomplishments in the forthcoming period. He also paid tribute to H.E. Dr Altwaijri, ISESCO Director General and lauded his good and wise management which contributes to ISESCO's continued outreach and promotes the efforts of the Executive Council. In addition, Dr Doukouré pointed out that the present session of the Executive Council is a prelude to ISESCO's 13<sup>th</sup> General Conference which will, with Allah's help, usher ISESCO into a new stage with an advanced plan that keeps up with the regional and international changes and with a true determination from the Director General to go ahead with developing ISESCO and continue working seriously to achieve its objectives.

Dr Doukouré added that the current session is held at a moment when ISESCO continues, with a rising trend, fulfilling the goals it was set for, which gives the Organization ample power, resistance, and capacities to skillfully adapt to change and to open up to renewal and upgrade. Against this backdrop, he added that developing administrative and managerial methods and action plans' implementation mechanisms, and addressing developmental needs in the Islamic world through building the capacities of Member States in the fields falling under ISESCO's realm of competence have become the robust and sound approach of action at ISESCO. For members of the

Executive Council, this is a source of satisfaction which makes them often and in every session confident in the sustained and fruitful efforts exerted by the General Directorate and ISESCO family who all work as a homogenous team and under the wise, clear-sighted and skilled leadership of His Excellency the Director General, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri.

At close of his address, Dr Doukouré urged all Member States to continue supporting ISESCO and its Director General with all possible means necessary to sustain its influence and fruitful action in the service of the joint Islamic action.

3. The floor was then given to H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, ISESCO Director General, who welcomed the members of the Executive Council, wishing them every success in their deliberations. He also praised the special care given by His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco to ISESCO, beseeching Allah to assist the Moroccan Sovereign together with Member States' leaders for the good of the Muslim Ummah.

His Excellency pointed out that the current session of the Executive Council represents the final implementation stage of the current Three-Year Action Plan (2016-2018) saying that ISESCO successfully implemented in 2017 a great number of activities and programmes outlined in its Three-Year Action Plan 2016-2018. Accordingly, as put by Dr Altwaijri, ISESCO achieved balanced growth and complementary progress, thus becoming one of the most influential and productive organizations of joint Islamic action and one of the regional and international organizations enjoying high credibility and active and influential presence in all forums and international events of common interests.

He also underlined that ISESCO's balance of achievements increased last year reporting that 99 achievements were accomplished out of 110 scheduled achievements in education with a rate of 90%. In science and technology, 52 achievements were accomplished out of 60 scheduled ones with a rate of 87%. As for culture, ISESCO accomplished 90 achievements out of 102 scheduled achievements with a rate of 88%. In human and social science, 35 achievements were accomplished out of 39 scheduled achievements with a rate of 90%. In external relations and cooperation, 82 achievements were accomplished out of 90 scheduled achievements with a rate of 91%. As for the Secretariat of the Executive Council, General Conference and Specialized Ministerial Conferences, 22 achievements were accomplished out of 23 scheduled achievements with a rate of 96% while the Centre of Planning, Information, Documentation and Publishing accomplished 26 achievements out of 29 scheduled achievements with a rate of 89%. In information and communication, 22 achievements were accomplished out of 25 scheduled achievements with a rate of 88%.

4. Thereafter, the members of the Executive Council posed for a souvenir photo at the Islamic Solidarity Hall.
5. At the beginning of the first working session, the Chairman of the Executive Council welcomed the new members of the Council, who are representatives of the following countries: Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Tunisia, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

Republic of the Sudan, Republic of Iraq, State of Palestine, State of Kuwait, State of Libya, Republic of Mali, Malaysia and Kingdom of Morocco.

6. Afterwards, the Chairman of the Executive Council presented to the Council the Draft Agenda and the Draft Programme of this session which were adopted.
7. Then, the Director General presented the reports and documents placed on the agenda of the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council in which he particularly provided an account of ISESCO's major achievements in 2017. He also presented the financial statements and the data regarding the Closing Accounts for the year 2017. Then, the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee presented the Committee report for 2017 and the report of the audit company. Afterwards, the Director General presented the data regarding the contributions of Member States to ISESCO's budget and the redressing of the Organization's financial situation for the same year, as well as the Draft Three-Year Plan for 2019-2021.
8. Having listened to the notes and presentations of the Director General, and after due consideration and discussion of the relevant reports and documents placed on the agenda of the 39<sup>th</sup> session, the Executive Council adopted such reports and documents pursuant to the annexed decisions after putting forward the following observations:
9. **Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Activities for the Year 2017 (Doc. EC39/2018/2.1)**
  - Unanimously commending the activities implemented by the Organization which feature quality, creativity, diversity, perfection, transparency and effectiveness.
  - Welcoming the rapid growth and the expanding volume of the Organization's activities and of the annual rates of implementation, both the total and the sectoral rates of implementation.
  - Calling for providing a list of unimplemented activities with the reasons preventing their implementation and the measures taken by the General Directorate thereon.
  - Making an inventory of the best practices adopted and developed by the Organization, and circulate them to the competent bodies in Member States.
  - Commending the special attention the Organization pays to programmes dedicated to Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine, and calling for sustaining and doubling efforts in this regard.
  - Stressing the importance of the field roles played by ISESCO's regional offices and the need for assigning the task of carrying out the annual activities and programmes to these offices, to the extent permitted by their financial and human resources, and in a way that reduces the implementation burden shouldered by the directorates concerned at the headquarters.
  - Praising the programmes and projects aiming to increase income and address acute poverty in Africa and train youth on project preparation and fund-raising.

- Commending ISESCO's programmes of education scholarships and urging Member States, especially relevant ministries and universities, to support this programme.

**10. Report of the Director General on Assessing ISESCO's Activities for the Years 2013-2015 and the Progress Report for the Years 2016-2018 (Doc. EC39/2018/2.2)**

- Lauding the methodology followed in this report and its reliance on solid foundations and sound principles, and commending the remarkable results it contains.
- Calling for further consideration for geographical balance in the distribution of the implemented activities in the three geographical regions of the Organization.
- The necessity of including performance and measurement indicators adopted for the preparation of this report in the analysis of results and drawing of outputs.
- The importance of benefiting from the social media in highlighting and publicizing, as widely as possible, the Organization's efforts namely among young people.
- Welcoming the contributions of partners and donors in the implementation of activities included in the report, calling for the promotion of cooperation and partnership with the Organization in future programmes and projects and involving the National Commissions in the preparation of future programmes.
- Praising cooperation and consultation with the national commissions, commissions, and competent bodies in Member States during the preparation of this report.
- Calling for giving further attention to the opinions of the implemented programmes stakeholders and take guidance from them in developing implementation and follow up mechanisms.

**11.** At the close of its meeting, the Executive Council adopted the draft Final Report commending the good organization of this session and quality of the submitted documents. Based on the kind offer of the State of the United Arab Emirates to host the coming session, the Council decides to hold its 40<sup>th</sup> session in the State of the United Arab Emirates in October 2019. Afterwards, H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, ISESCO Director General, gave a closing address wherein he thanked the Chairman and members of the Council for their opinions, ideas and suggestions during the session and reaffirmed his resolve to follow-up the Council's decisions and recommendations in order to develop the Organization's future action. He also thanked the State of the United Arab Emirates for offering to host the coming session of the Executive Council. In his turn, H.E. Dr Boubakar Doukouré, Chairman of the Executive Council, hailed the achievements made by the Organization at various levels and thanked the Council members and ISESCO Director General for their efforts in boosting the Organization's performance and accomplishing its mission in the best conditions.

**12.** The Council addressed a message of thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco for the support extended by the Moroccan government to ISESCO to promote joint Islamic action.