

Final Report
of the Eleventh Session of
the Executive Council of the Islamic
Educational, Scientific and Cultural
Organization -ISESCO-

Rabat, 14-19 Jumada I, 1411H
3-8 December, 1990

1- The Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization -ISESCO- held its Eleventh Session in Rabat, capital city of the Kingdom of Morocco, from 14 to 19 Jumada I, 1411H (3-8 December, 1990). All Council members, except the representatives of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Chad, attended this session. (See *Annex I: List of Executive Council members*).

Opening Session: Monday morning, December 3, 1990

2- The opening session was held under the chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Taïb Chkili, Minister of National Education and Chairman of the Moroccan National Commission for Education, Culture and Science. Also attending the opening session were the advisers to His Majesty King Hassan II and a number of Ministers in the Moroccan Government.

This session was also attended by members of the Islamic diplomatic corps in Rabat, and by representatives of international and regional organizations, as well as by a number of personalities from the intellectual and cultural world.

3- Following a recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an, His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz bin Sulaiman bin Abdullah Al-Fadhel, representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Chairman of this Council session, delivered an address at the beginning of which he thanked Dr. Taïb Chkili, Minister of National Education of Morocco, for kindly opening the proceedings of this session, and welcomed the members of the Council and the honourable audience.

He then went on to commend the efforts exerted by Prof. Abdelhadi Boutaleb, Director General of ISESCO, and his assistants with a view to achieving the noble objectives of the Organization, in spite of the obstacles confronting it. In this respect, he called on Member States to support the Organization and help it fulfil its mission. (See *Annex 2*).

4- Dr. Taïb Chkili, Minister of National Education and Chairman of the National Commission for Education, Science and Culture, delivered the opening address in which he welcomed the delegations participating in this session and commended the achievements made by the Islamic Organization since its inception. He praised the efforts exerted by its Director General and his assistants, who managed to overcome all the difficulties confronting the Organization, which has thus acquired a high reputation and a respectable position in international fora. He then reviewed the various items on the Council's agenda.

He also emphasized the need for Member States to provide material support to the Organization, particularly that the Islamic revival hinges upon the development of education, science and culture, which constitute the means whereby the Islamic World may catch up with the advanced nations of the world.

At the close of his address, the Minister indicated that the Kingdom of Morocco takes pride in hosting the Islamic Organization and is proud of its achievements. He then wished full success to the proceedings of the Council. (See *Annex 3*).

5- His Excellency Prof. Abdelhadi Boutaleb then delivered an address in which he welcomed the members of the Council and expressed his thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Hassan II for the continued support and attentive care he has always manifested towards the Organization, and for instructing the Minister of National Education to attend the opening of the Council's proceedings.

He also referred to the importance of this session, given the special circumstances in which it is held and the challenges facing the Islamic Ummah.

Referring to agenda items, His Excellency the Director General mentioned the Organization's achievements, which have been constantly expanding in comparison with what was achieved in the first year of the current Action Plan despite the difficult material situation of the Organization. In this respect, he pointed out that Member States' arrears over the past eight years amount to 45 million US Dollars.

In this respect, the Director General appealed to Member States to settle their arrears so that the Organization may pursue its action. He further called on OIC Member States which have not yet completed membership procedures at ISESCO to take the necessary steps in this respect and thereby strengthen Islamic solidarity. (See *Annex 4*).

6- First working session: Monday morning, December 3, 1990

Item 1.1: Credentials examination

The Council Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed the members of the Council. He then presented Item 1.1 on the agenda pertaining to the examination of the credentials of new Council members. They are:

- Mr. Mazhar-ul-Haque Siddiqui, representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan,
- Mr. Nuruddin M. Kamal, representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh,
- Dr. Yusuf Adel Mu'ti, representative of the State of Kuwait.

Following extensive discussions, the Council asked its secretariat not to include this item in the Council's agenda in the future. It was decided in this respect that the General Directorate of ISESCO would simply examine official correspondence from Member States on the subject, it being understood that the correspondence would include a curriculum vitae of the new member in the light of the provisions in *Article 12* in the Organization's Charter.

The correspondence received by the General Directorate concerning the appointment of the new Council members was read to the Council.

The representative of the Republic of Iraq expressed his opposition to Kuwait's membership in the Council. The Council Chairman pointed out that this matter fell within the competence of the General Conference of the Organization.

Item 1.2: Adoption of the Agenda (Doc. CE11/90/1.2 Provisional)

Item 1.3: Adoption of the Programme of the Executive Council (Doc. CE11/90/1.3 Provisional)

7- The Chairman of the Council proposed for discussion *Item 1.2* of the Agenda pertaining to the adoption of the agenda. The representative of the State of Qatar proposed the insertion of an item on the disruption of educational and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait. In view of the disagreement in the viewpoints expressed by Council members concerning the proposed item, the Chairman of the Council put the question to the vote. It was agreed that this item would be included in the Agenda in accordance with *Article 24* of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council. Voting was performed by roll call and gave the following results:

- Those in favour: Pakistan, Senegal, Guinea, Qatar, Comoro Islands, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait (8)
- Those against: Jordan, Iraq, the Gambia and Palestine (4)
- Abstentions: Mali, Morocco and Malaysia (3).

The Executive Council entrusted the representatives of Qatar and the Comoro Islands with drafting the above-mentioned item and submitting it to the Council. The item would be discussed as the last question on the Agenda with the following wording: “*Situation of the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait as a result of the Iraqi invasion of this State, and role of the Organization in ensuring the continuation of these institutions and in protecting them against alteration and distortion.*”

The Council then approved the Draft Agenda of the Eleventh Council Session, (see Annex N° 5) CE11/90/1.2. It also approved the Draft Programme for this Council session (see Annex N° 6) CE11/90/1.3. The Council also adopted Decisions CE11/90/D.1.2 pertaining to the Agenda and Decision CE11/90/D.1.3 pertaining to the Programme of this Council session.

Second working session: Monday afternoon, December 3, 1990

Item 2.1: Director General’s Report on ISESCO’s activities and achievements between the 10th and 11th sessions of the Council (Doc. CE11/90/2.1, CE11/90/2.1Ad. and CE11/90/2.1Cor.)

8- This session was devoted to consideration of *Item 2.1* of the Agenda regarding the Director General’s Report on the Organization’s activities and achievements in the interval between the tenth and eleventh sessions of the Executive Council. His Excellency the Director General first made an introductory statement in which he addressed the Organization’s major achievements in the interval between the tenth and eleventh sessions of the Executive Council and indicated that expenditure on programmes amounted to 78% of overall expenditure, notwithstanding the fact that the Organization received only 14.40% of the contributions due for the previous financial year. This was achieved thanks to the Organization’s sound utilization of funds and the rationalization policy it follows.

His Excellency the Director General addressed in his presentation several important questions such as:

- Recruitment of new staff members who, as stressed by His Excellency the Director General, were selected on the basis of competence and productivity.
- The Organization’s need for the Committee set up by the Executive Council to consider the draft Organizational Chart with a view to redressing the shortcomings of some structures of the General Directorate.
- The decision of the General Directorate to avail itself of the situation prevailing in the Arab region as a result of the Gulf crisis and to set up a Committee made up of ISESCO senior officials who were entrusted with the task of revising and assessing the Organization’s activities and preparing a report thereon to be used by the Director General in taking sound decisions.
- The General Directorate’s satisfaction with the viewpoints, observations and proposals received from Member States concerning the draft Medium-term Action Plan and the next draft Three-year Action Plan.

- The importance of international cooperation, particularly that the world is on the threshold of a new order, which requires the pooling of efforts in order to contribute to giving substance to this new order.
- ISESCO's contribution to the World Conference on Education for All through the Special Islamic Programme for Literacy, which seeks to secure the right of all individuals to basic education as well as the right of each country to aspire to the highest levels of scientific development.
- The sense of frustration which is sometimes felt by the General Directorate owing to the scant interest shown by Member States regarding follow-up to the Organization's initiatives and financial and political support.
- Inability of the Organization to discharge its tasks in the boards of directors of Islamic universities despite the resolutions and recommendations issued by the meetings of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, in addition to the unfair interference in its competition by some organizations and institutions whose fields of competence are different from those of the Organization.

9- During the discussions which followed the Director General's presentation, Council members made observations and proposals, praising unanimously the programmes and activities achieved thanks to the efforts made by the Director General and his assistants. These observations and proposals can be summarized as follows:

- Coordination between ISESCO and OIC and the development of their relations.
- The reasons for cancelling the visits of the Executive Council Committee in charge of considering the reasons for Member States' failure to settle their contributions to the Organization's budget.
- The benefit to be derived from ACCT's experience in the distribution of budget shares among Member States.
- Determining the problems hindering the achievements of programmes and ascertaining whether those problems are due to Member States' delay in settling their contributions or to the way in which programmes are implemented.
- Addressing an Executive Council appeal to the Kings, Emirs and Heads of Islamic States and Governments at the sixth Islamic Summit in Dakar on the reasons behind some Member States' delay in settling their contributions.

10- In his replay to the afore-mentioned questions and observations, the Director General made the following remarks:

- Regarding the issue of coordination, His Excellency pointed out that the misunderstanding between ISESCO and the OIC General Secretariat had been dispelled and that the current relations between the General Directorate and the General Secretariat were satisfactory as the current trend was towards cooperation and complementarity.
- The inability of the Council's Contributions Committee to visit the countries concerned is due to the fact that the General Directorate received no replies from most of the countries concerned.
- Concerning the proposal on the lesson to be drawn from ACCT's experience in securing contributions, the Director General spoke extensively about the civilizational conflict and pointed out the reasons underlying the conflict. He called the attention of Member States to the seriousness of the situation and urged them to take the suitable decisions to assert the Islamic world's presence in this conflict. He indicated that the

only way to achieve that objective was through providing material and human support to the organizations working in the educational, scientific and cultural fields.

Third working session: Tuesday morning, December 4, 1990

Resuming discussion of Item 2.1

11- At the beginning of this session, the Council resumed discussion of *Item 2.1* concerning the Director General's on the Organization's activities and achievements between the tenth and eleventh sessions of the Council. In this respect, the Council agreed that the General Directorate should undertake an assessment of the Organization's programmes and activities to be submitted to the next session of the Executive Council which would decide whether to continue this action, if it is successful, or entrust it to a Council committee or to the whole Council.

12- Then the Deputy Directors General of the Organization's three sectors, Education, Science and Culture, took the floor respectively to answer Council member's questions on the implementation of the programmes of the current Action Plan. In this respect, Council member expressed their appreciation for the results obtained in the various sectors. Their proposals revolved around the following:

Education Sector:

- The major steps undertaken regarding the educational strategy for the Islamic world in the light of the Qatar Symposium (1988) whose recommendations will be adopted as a working document to be submitted to the Conference of Education Ministers which will be held later for the purpose of adopting the draft educational strategy for Islamic countries.

- Continuing the work regarding the encyclopedia of Islamic languages.

- Supporting Member States' Qur'anic schools and providing them with the necessary teaching materials.

- Training teachers, professors and inspectors in the area of teaching Arabic and Islamic education.

- Stepping up efforts for the teaching and dissemination of the Arabic language in non-Arabic-speaking Islamic countries.

Science Sector:

- The necessity to enhance scientific research and promote science teaching in Member States.

- Standardization of science curricula in Member States' schools.

- Creating international Islamic prizes in the fields of science and technology to be sponsored by Member States through the Islamic Organization.

- Necessity to establish cooperation among Member States in scientific fields in order to benefit from the scientific progress of some Member States.

- Set up an Islamic fund to which well-to-do Member States would contribute in order to finance activities aimed at encouraging and promoting scientific research in the Islamic world.

Culture Sector:

- Determine, through the Culture Sector's programmes, the position of the contemporary Islamic world, in the light of the new mutations in the world.
- Stress the importance of protecting Muslim youth against destructive intellectual currents.
- Expedite the manufacturing of the machines needed to write the languages of Muslim peoples in the Arabic script.
- Coordinate with the Islamic specialized institutions and centres in follow-up to the elaboration of the draft comprehensive Islamic encyclopedia.
- Necessity to survey the major Islamic works in order to ensure, before their translation by the Organization, whether they have already been translated.
- Take greater care of Islamic manuscripts, particularly in Africa, in order to make good use of them and preserve them from destruction and loss, pending the convening of a symposium on the preservation of Islamic manuscripts.
- Ensure follow-up to the implementation of the programme on the situation of the Muslim woman inside and outside the Islamic world and hold the symposium programmed on the subject.
- Necessity to provide the financial resources needed for the implementation of these ambitious programmes.

The Deputy Directors General then took the floor and thanked Council members for their observations and proposals, stressing that they will take them into consideration while implementing the remaining programmes of the current Action Plan and that they will take them into account in the next Three-year Action Plan.

Fourth working session: Tuesday afternoon, December 4, 1990

Resuming discussion of Item 2.1

Discussion of *Item 2.1* was resumed during this session, and the following officials took the floor successively: the Official in charge of the Information Service and the Head of the Director General's Cabinet, who is in charge of international cooperation. The official in charge of the Information Service reviewed the activities and information programmes implemented by the Service, pointing out the importance of these programmes and their role in publicizing the Organization's activities and achievements. He also appealed on behalf of the Director General to Council members to be ISESCO's messengers to their respective countries, in order to publicize ISESCO's mission and objectives therein.

As for the official in charge of international cooperation, he stressed the following:

- Importance of the Special Islamic Programme for Literacy and its role in the process of comprehensive development.
- Consolidation of cooperation between ISESCO and similar UN and OIC institutions as well as the other specialized organizations, in order to implement the cooperation agreements signed with them.

- Consolidation of ISESCO's presence in international fora in order to contribute to bringing about a new international order in the educational, scientific and cultural fields.

- Consolidation of the Director General's Cabinet with the necessary human resources in the light of the new organizational setup and its requirements.

Following discussions by Council member, who apprised the General Directorate of their amendments and proposals, the Council approved the Director General's report on the Organization's activities and achievements in the interval between the tenth and eleventh sessions of the Executive Council and adopted Decision *CE11/90/D.2.1* in annex.

Item 2.2: Director General's Financial Report and the Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1989-1990 (Doc. *CE11/90/2.2*)

14- The Head of the Administrative and Financial Affairs Service then introduced the financial report and closing accounts for financial year 1989-1990, and indicated that the budget for the financial year ending 30 June 1990 stood at US\$ 9,369,329 whereas total receipts reached only US\$ 1,348,827.53, that is to say 14.40% of expected income. This induced the Organization to resort to the surplus from previous years in order to cover programme expenditure, which increased significantly in comparison with the previous year. Thus, expenditure on programmes increased by 91% for Education programmes, 37 for Science programmes and 64% for Culture programmes.

Concluding his presentation, the Head of the Administrative and Financial Affairs Service pointed out that the General Directorate had not received any contribution yet for financial year 1990-1991. He further indicated that the Organization had implemented the recommendations issued by the Executive Council at its tenth session.

The Council took note, with satisfaction, of the financial policy applied by the Director General and commended his efforts in this respect. Upon discussing this question, Council members approved the Director General's financial report and closing accounts for financial year 1989-1990 and adopted Decision *CE11/90/D.2.2* in annex.

Item 2.3: Director General's Report on Member States' contributions (Doc. *CE11/90/2.3*)

15- Then the Head of the Administrative and Financial Affairs Service presented a detailed report on the situation of Member States' contributions to the Organization's budget, in which he addressed the following:

a- Member States' accumulated arrears, which stand at 45 million US dollars.

b- Inadequacy and irregularity of contributions and their adverse impact on the planning of a sound financial policy.

c- A permanent loss in earning representing 14% of the overall budget owing to the fact that some OIC Member States have not joined the Organization.

d- Some Member States' contesting of their contribution rates in the Organization's budget.

Following extensive debates, Council members made proposals aimed at identifying effective solutions likely to enable ISESCO to secure contributions and arrears of Member States. These proposals are as follows:

a- Enable ISESCO to implement the General Conference resolution regarding coordination or integration into ISESCO of some similar specialized organizations in order to secure permanent financing for ISESCO.

b- Settle, once and for all, the issue of contribution rates.

c- Contract private charitable associations and patrons in Islamic countries in order to secure additional financing resources.

d- Publicize ISESCO's activities and mission at the level of the Islamic world and involve Islamic countries in the implementation of the Organization's programmes in order to assert its credibility and thus secure Member States' support.

e- Reduce Member States' contribution rates and draw up the Organization's budget accordingly.

f- Invite voluntary donations from Member States on the occasion of General Conference meetings.

Council members also noted that some ISESCO Member States honour their contributions in other international organizations, such as UNESCO, ALECSO and the Technical and Cultural Cooperation Agency (ACCT), but fail to settle them at ISESCO. Similarly, some Islamic countries provide donations and grants to many non-Islamic organizations whereas it would have been more appropriate to provide that assistance to ISESCO.

The Council then approved the Director General's report on the situation of Member States' contributions to ISESCO's budget, and adopted Decision *CE11/90/D.2.3* in annex.

Fifth working session: Wednesday morning, December 5, 1990

Item 3.1: Report of the Executive Council Committee on the reasons for non-settlement by some Member States of their contributions to the Organization's budget (Doc. *CE11/90/3.1*)

16- At the beginning of the session, the Chairman of the Executive Council's Committee in charge of considering the causes behind some Member States' failure to settle their contributions to the Organization's budget, took the floor and indicated that the Committee held three meetings since it was set up by the Executive Council at its tenth session. He informed the Council of the working method used by the Committee in classifying Member States in the light of their settlement of contributions to the Organization's budget. He submitted a schedule of the visits that the Committee was to pay to those Member States which have not been settling their contributions to the budget and indicated that those visits had been postponed in view of the situation prevailing in the Arab world. He requested that the mandate of the Committee be extended until the twelfth session of the Executive Council, so that it may complete its work and thanked the Council for its confidence in the Committee.

17- Having heard the above-mentioned report, the Council members held extensive discussions thereon and put forward the following proposals:

- 1- Correspondence pertaining to the settlement of contributions should be addressed to the ministers concerned in Member States.

2- ISESCO should hold regular coordination meetings with the relevant parties in the regional groups made up of Member States (Africa, Asia, and the Arab World) in order to acquaint them with the programmes of the Organization as well as their implementation, thereby inducing their respective states to participate in these programmes and settle their contributions to the Organization's budget.

18- Before ending this session's proceedings, the Council set up a committee composed of the representatives of Malaysia, Kuwait, and Senegal to draft an appeal to the Kings, Emirs and Heads of Islamic States and Governments calling upon them to ensure that ISESCO be provided with the material resources needed to that it may achieve the goals for which it was established.

In this respect, the Council entrusted the Director General of ISESCO with submitting that appeal to the Summit. It also entrusted the Council Chairman with sending a letter to the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, requesting him to insert this item in the agenda of the sixth Islamic Summit and to contact His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait and Chairman of the Fifth Islamic Summit, and His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal and Chairman of the forthcoming Islamic Summit, to acquaint them with this question and facilitate the mission entrusted to the Director General of the Organization.

At the end of the session, the Council adopted the report of the Committee in charge of considering the reasons behind some Member States' failure to settle their contributions to ISESCO's budget, and adopted Decision *CE11/90/D.3.1* in annex.

Item 3.2: Report of Financial Control Committee and of the Audit Company (Doc. *CE11/90/3.2*)

19- In the absence of the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee, Mr. Salim Siddiqi, who apologized for health reasons, the Head of the Administrative and Financial Affairs Service provided the necessary clarifications to the queries and remarks made by Council members with respect to the reports of the Financial Control Committee and of the audit company. The Council discussed the two reports and commended the efforts expended by the General Directorate in this respect, particularly the allocation of 78% of overall expenditures to the implementation of programmes. The Council approved the two reports and decided to submit them to the next General Conference for adoption. (Decision *CE11/90/D.3.2*).

Sixth working session: Wednesday afternoon, December 5, 1990

Item 4.1: Draft Medium-Term Plan 1991-2000 (Doc. *CE11/90/4.1*)

20- The Director General introduced the Medium-Term Plan 1991-2000 and referred to the general conditions in which the Plan was prepared. He indicated that the General Directorate had resorted to extensive consultations with similar international organizations, government circles in Member States, institutions working in education, science and culture and prominent personalities in these fields.

He stressed that the plan was not final and that it was only a preliminary draft which was to be enriched by the observations and proposals of the honourable Council members. In the light of the discussions and observations made by Council members, the Council entrusted the three-member Committee in charge of formulating the Council's appeal to the Sixth Islamic

Summit with the task of compiling all remarks and observations and making proposals thereon to the Council. Upon making cognizance of the Committee's proposals, the Council adopted the draft Medium-Term Plan 1991-2000 in its general guidelines. It requested the General Directorate to prepare the final draft, taking into consideration the proposed amendments, and to submit it to the next Council session. It then adopted Decision *CE11/90/D.4.1* in annex.

Seventh working session: Thursday morning, December 6, 1990

Item 4.2: Draft Plan for 1991-1994 (Doc. *CE11/90/4.2Cor.*)

21- This session was devoted to the discussion of the draft Plan of Action and Budget for 1411-1414H (1991-1994). At the beginning of this session, the members of the Council made their comments on the plan's educational, scientific and cultural programmes and agreed on their comprehensiveness and complementarity. Then they requested some clarifications concerning certain programmes and the budgets allocated to them. They also contributed numerous proposals aimed at enriching the plan of action and helping the General Directorate identify the most efficient ways of implementing these programmes and securing the resources needed for their implementation. The aim is to enable Member States to derive greater benefits from those programmes and ensure that they actually meet their needs.

These proposals may be summed up as follows:

- 1- Work out a number of programmes taking into account the new international situation, in the light of the ideological mutations witnessed by the world today and which may affect the Islamic cultural identity in the future. Hence the need to include in the Organization's next plans of action suitable programmes to face these changes and new requirements.
- 2- Give priority to programmes not covered by bilateral relations between Member States, and provide for mechanisms likely to help avoid duplication of work with similar organizations.
- 3- Draw up programmes devoted to agricultural, technical and professional training.
- 4- Provide financial assistance to Qur'anic schools.
- 5- Prepare a unified Islamic programme for the teaching of Islamic philosophy.
- 6- Translate the meanings of the Holy Qur'an into the languages of Muslim peoples.
- 7- Step up support to Member States' national commissions for education, science and culture, as they constitute efficient instruments in terms of establishing links and coordinating relations between ISESCO and Member States.
- 8- Give priority to programmes concerned with intellectual issues and coordinate action with similar organizations with regard to technical programmes.
- 9- Provide grants for the training of teachers in scientific branches; those grants are to be offered by well-to-do states.
- 10- Coordinate activities between the various sectors and services of the Organization in implementing the programmes of the plan of action.
- 11- Place the implementation of certain programmes of the Plan of Action under the supervision of some Member States which would sponsor them or provide the

equipment or facilities available to them and needed for the programmes' implementation.

12- Consolidate the special programme on supporting and protecting educational and cultural institutions in occupied Palestine.

22- Then the Director took the floor to answer some questions concerning what is referred to as the islamization of knowledge and some other questions related to ISESCO's three-year budget. These were:

- a 7% increase in the draft budget in comparison with the previous budget,
- the funds allocated to the expenditure of the General Conference, the Executive Council and the Financial Control Committee,
- the funds allocated to the activities of the Director General, the new recruitments expected and the meetings attended by the Organization.

He asked the Council to schedule the programmes of this plan of action according to a priority scale and in the light of the Organization's receipts so that the General Directorate may take into account while implementing programmes.

23- The Deputy Directors General then took the floor to provide clarifications on the questions raised by Council members regarding the programmes of the draft Plan of Action and Budget for 1411-1414H (1991-1994). They thanked Council members for their remarks and suggestions and indicated that the General Directorate would seek to examine them and include part of them into the draft three-year Plan of Action 1991-1994, the rest would be taken into account in the preparation of the next two draft three-year plans and budgets which will cover the period up to the year 2000. They expressed the hope that the Organization will be provided with the financial resources needed for the implementation of these programmes.

24- In view of the current difficult financial situation of the Organization, and the need to secure immediate financial resources to be spent on the remaining programmes of the current 1988-1991 Plan of Action and thereby maintain the high rate of expenditures on the implementation of programmes, which stood at 78% as was pointed out, the Council agreed to send a delegation composed of the Chairman of the Executive Council, the Chairman of the Council Committee in charge of considering the causes of some Member States' failure to settle their contributions to the budget of the Organization, and the representatives of Malaysia and Senegal, accompanied by the Director General of the Organization, to contact some of the heads of state of some member countries with a view to collecting donations and grants likely to enable ISESCO to overcome its current financial predicament.

Eighth working session: Thursday afternoon, December 6, 1990

Resuming discussion of Item 4.2

25- After hearing additional clarifications on this item, the Council adopted the draft Plan of Action and Budget for 1411-1414H (1991-1994), in its broad lines as contained in Document CE11/90/4.2. It asked the General Directorate to prepare the final draft Plan and Budget, taking into consideration the observations and suggestions put forward by Council's members, as well as those to be sent by Member States and distinguished Muslim personalities, prior to its adoption at the Council's next session. Then the Council adopted Decision *CE11/90/D.4.2*.

Item 4.3: Implementation mechanisms of the Special Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training for All in Islamic Countries and Communities (Doc. CE11/90/4.3)

26- The Council heard a presentation concerning the Implementations Mechanisms of the Special Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training for All in Islamic Countries and Communities (Document *CE11/90/4.3*). In this presentation, it was pointed out in particular that this Implementation Plan was basically aimed at facilitating the eradication of illiteracy among Muslims through the use of the language of the Qur'an, providing books and issuing periodicals in the Arabic language, as well as training teachers for this purpose. Moreover, the Plan provides for the promotion of Qur'anic schools, so that they may be complementary with modern education. The plan is also aimed at consolidating the Islamic faith.

27- Taking the floor on this subject, the Director General emphasized that the General Directorate has taken into consideration two important factors in the preparation of the draft Plan, namely:

- 1- the specificities of the Islamic world, which is characterized, on the one hand, by its unity and, on the other, by the diversity of its civilizational and cultural backgrounds.
- 2- ISESCO's wish to participate along with the four international organizations' sponsoring the World Conference on Education for All.

The Director General then asked the Council to adopt this draft Programme so as to enable ISESCO to coordinate action with the relevant Islamic institutions and the international organizations sponsoring the above-mentioned conference and to consider the Islamic Programme as one of ISESCO's priority programmes in order to urgently secure the budget needed for its implementation.

28- The Council members then took the floor to comment on some concepts and terms in this draft. Their proposals included the following:

- Organize a symposium to be attended by representatives from various parties with a view to examining the aspects related to the literacy issue, and finding out the causes behind the failure of some literacy projects as well as the difficulties that confronted the parties in charge of those projects in order to benefit from their experience.
- Get acquainted with the various national plans related to the literacy issue in Member States, and draw upon them with a view to enriching the draft Islamic Programme.
- Seek a national political decision from Member States to ensure the success of this project.
- Reconsider the general framework of the literacy programme and orient it in such a way as to ensure actual benefits through the following five stages:
 - 1- Making Member States and individuals alive to the importance of this project through a broad-based awareness-enhancing campaign.
 - 2- Training literacy supervisors and leaders.
 - 3- Determining the contents and elements of this draft plan.
 - 4- Working out a schedule for the implementation of the draft Islamic Programme.
 - 5- Asserting the results.
- Distinguish between the special literacy programme whose implementation is entrusted to the Education sector of the Organization and the draft Special Islamic Programme for Literacy.

- Distinguish between literacy and adult education in view of differences in methodology.
- Give particular attention to basic education as the most important introduction to literacy.
- Provide incentives for those benefiting from literacy programmes and for officials in charge of those programmes.
- Step up efforts with a view to devising a typewriter for transcribing the languages of Muslim peoples into the language of the Qur'anic, to help them eradicate illiteracy.
- Send letters to Member States requesting them to provide ISESCO with details on their national plans in the field of literacy, along with information about Member States, their achievements in this respect and the assistance provided to them by the World Bank after the Jomtien Conference. Such information will further enrich the draft Islamic Literacy Programme, prior to its submission to sponsors in order to secure the resources needed for to its implementation.

Ninth session: Friday morning, December 7, 1990

Resuming discussion of Item 4.3

29- The Council heard additional observations made by the General Directorate on the Implementation Mechanisms of the Special Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training for All in Islamic Countries and Communities in the light of the Council's proposals and remarks thereon.

In this respect, the Council agreed on the following:

- 1- Consecrate the title of ISESCO's literacy document which was adopted by the Jomtien Conference as follows:
"Special Islamic Plan for Literacy and Basic Training for All in Islamic Countries and Communities".
- 2- Change the title of document CE11/90/4.3 included under Item 4.3 of the agenda of the current Council session as follows: "Implementation Mechanisms of the Special Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training".
- 3- Give priority in programme implementation to the programme on standardization of the Qur'anic script in writing the languages of Muslim peoples, in view of its positive impact on the eradication of illiteracy in the Islamic world.

In this respect, the Director General stressed the importance of this programme which is aimed at enabling the Muslim world to assert its presence in the modern civilizational struggle.

The Council requested the General Directorate to reformulate the project in the light of its proposals and observations before it is to be submitted to the next Council session for adoption.

The Council also noted with satisfaction the coordination measures taken by the General Directorate in conjunction with the international organizations and institutions concerned with the issue of literacy with a view to implementing this project.

The Council then adopted Decision *CE11/90D.4.3* in annex.

Item 5.1: Report of the Executive Council Committee in charge of considering the General Directorate Organizational Chart (Doc. CE11/90/5.1)

30- After taking cognizance of document *CE11/90/5.1* concerning the draft Organizational Chart of ISESCO's General Directorate, the Council heard the report of the Chairman of the Executive Council Committee in charge of this project which is included in the said document.

In his report, the Committee Chairman stressed the objectives which were taken into consideration during the preparation of the report. They are as follows:

- Ensure further rationalization of the Organization's human resources and emphasize the flexibility of the proposed structures.
- Ensure the efficiency and transparency of the proposed structures in order to achieve optimal productivity at the lowest cost.

The report also recommended to freeze recruitments for the time being, and to give top-priority in future recruitment to the countries which are not currently represented in the General Directorate and to provide a legal status to the Organization's Recruitment Committee.

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Resuming discussion of Item 5.1

31- The Director General took the floor at the beginning of this session and gave some clarifications on the Recruitment Committee and its membership. He also gave an account of the applications received by the General Directorate for the new posts and the method used in selecting applicants according to competence.

Then the Chairman of the Council Committee in charge of considering the Organizational Chart of the General Directorate took the floor and thanked Council members for commending the work of the Committee and for their remarks and proposals on the report of the Committee. These remarks centred on the following:

- 1- Lower the square of the Secretariat of the General Conference and the Executive Council in the Chart contained in the report of the Committee to the level of the Director General's Cabinet.
- 2- Raise the office of head of the Director General's Cabinet to the rank of director.
- 3- Add the Protocole Office to the Director General's Cabinet.
- 4- Place the follow-up section before the evaluation section in the column under the Evaluation, Follow-up and Control Service.
- 5- Devote a programme to Islamic universities in Islamic countries.
- 6- Respect, first of all, the principle of geographical distribution in staff recruitment, particularly that competence is not the exclusive privilege of some countries rather than others.

The Executive Council then adopted the report of the Committee in its general principles and guidelines, pending its submission, for information, to the General Conference Committee in charge of revising the Charter and internal regulations of the Organization. The Council also adopted Decision *CE90/D.5.1* in annex.

Item 6: Situation of the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait as a result of the Iraqi invasion of this state and the role of the Organization in ensuring the continuation of these institutions and in protecting them against alteration and distortion (Draft Decision CE11/90/DD6)

32- The discussion of this item started with the statement of the representative of the State of Kuwait who gave a detailed account of the situation of the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait as a result of the Iraqi invasion (*Annex N°7*).

Then the representative of the Republic of Iraq took the floor and indicated that Iraq is prepared to provide evidence that the institutions concerned are well preserved and that Iraq attaches great importance to education, science and culture (*Annex n° 8*).

The representative of the State of Qatar then took the floor and stressed the necessity for the Organization to adopt a stance whereby to protect the educational institutions in the State of Kuwait, namely through the adoption of the decision pertaining to this item.

The representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan then presented a draft amendment to the draft decision on CE11/90/DD6. He suggested to delete the second paragraph of the preamble and to reformulate the first paragraph of the decision, thus indicating that the Executive Council deplored the dramatic situation and massive losses suffered by the Kuwaiti people, including the disruption of the educational process and the damage inflicted upon the educational, scientific and cultural institutions.

He also suggested to delete the second operative paragraph so that paragraph 3 would become paragraph 2 and paragraph 4 would become paragraph 3. Likewise, he suggested to add a fourth paragraph in which the Executive Council would express concern at the negative cultural impact of the massive military presence of foreign forces in the region.

Thereafter, the Chairman of the Council put the amendments of the delegate of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the vote: the twelve following Member States voted against it: Pakistan, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Senegal, the Gambia, Guinea, Qatar, the Comoro Islands, Kuwait, Egypt, Morocco, Mali and Malaysia. The Member States which voted for were the following: Jordan, Iraq and Palestine. The Council Chairman submitted draft decision CE11/90/D6 to the vote. It was adopted by the Council by a majority vote of 12 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions. In the light of these results, the Council approved Decision CE11/90/D.6 in annex.

Item 5.2: Date and venue of the 12th Session of the Executive Council (Doc. CE11/90/DD5.2)

33- The Council adopted the proposal of the General Directorate on convening its 12th session from 12 to 18 November 1991 in Rabat, to be followed by the fourth session of the General Conference, from 20 to 22 November 1991 in Rabat. (See Decision CE11/90/D.5.2 in annex).

At the close of the session, the Council addressed a message of thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Hassan II, King of Morocco, for the gracious care he has been extending to the Islamic Organization. (*Annex N° 9*).

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Draft final report: Doc. CE11/90/Final Report

34- The Council discussed the draft final report as well as the draft decisions and recommendations pertaining to the agenda items of the 11th Council session. It approved them after introducing the relevant amendments. Then the Council heard the message of thanks and gratitude addressed to His Majesty King Hassan II for the gracious care manifested towards the Islamic Organization and for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to the participants.

35- The Director General of ISESCO made a closing statement in which he stressed that the Islamic Organization had become a firmly established institution with clear objectives and efficient programmes and that it was actively endeavouring to achieve the Muslim Ummah's goals in the fields of education, science and culture in order to keep up with progress and contribute to the advancement of mankind. He also congratulated the Council for its achievements and for the measures it took to upgrade the Organization's work (*Annex N° 10*).

36- The Council Chairman then took the floor and thanked Council members, the General Directorate and the translators for the kind cooperation they contributed to ensure the success of this Council session.

DECISIONS

**Decision on
Item 1.2 of the Agenda
Adoption of the Agenda**

The Executive Council:

- Having taken cognizance of the Draft Agenda presented in Document *CE11/90/1.2 provisional*;
- Considering the provisions of *Articles 22, 23 and 24* of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Adopts the Agenda as presented in Document *CE11/90/1.2 provisional*, taking into account the amendments adopted by the Council.

**Decision on
Item 1.3 of the Agenda
Programme of the 11th session of
the Executive Council**

The Executive Council:

- Following the adoption of its Agenda as presented in Document *CE11/90/1.2 provisional*;
- Having taken cognizance of Document *CE11/90/1.3 provisional*, on the organization of the proceedings of the 11th Council session;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Agrees to organize its proceedings according to the programme specified in Document *CE11/90/1.3 provisional*, taking into account the amendments proposed by Council members.

**Decision on
Item 2.1 of the Agenda**

**Director General's Report on
ISESCO's activities and achievements
between the 10th and 11th sessions of the Council**

The Executive Council:

- In accordance with the provisions of *Article (20)* paragraph (d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Having taken cognizance of Documents *CE11/90/DD 2.1*, *CE11/90/2.1 Ad.* and *CE11/90/2.1 Cor.* presented by the Director General with respect to *Item 2.1* of the Agenda;
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General and his assistants;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

1. Adopts the Director General's report on ISESCO's activities and programme implementation between the 10th and 11th sessions of the Executive Council as described in the above-mentioned documents.

2. **Commends** his efforts in confirming the Organization's role in its fields of competence and his determination to implement its programmes.

3. **Encourages** him to continue to implement programmes on the basis of the resources received by the Organization.

4. Calls on the General Directorate to undertake an evaluation of the Organization's action and present it to the 21st session of the Executive Council. The Council shall consider the possibility of submitting the evaluation to the General Conference or amending it. It shall also decide whether this task should continue in the light of its success, or whether it should entrust it to a Council Committee or to the Council itself.

5. Calls on Member States to support ISESCO in financing prizes presented by ISESCO in various scientific fields.

6. Endorses the setting up of a fund to support scientific research and calls on Member States to contribute generously to this fund.

7. Calls on the General Directorate to take into consideration the observations made by Council members.

**Decision on
Item 2.2 of the Agenda
Director General's Financial Report
and Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1989-1990**

The Executive Council:

- Recalling the provisions of:
 1. *Articles (18) and (19)* of the Charter
 2. *Article (19)* of the Financial Regulations
 3. *Article (14)* of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference
 4. *Article (20)*, paragraphs (2) and (f) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council
- Having taken cognizance of Document *CE11/90/2.2*: Director General's Financial Report and the Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1989-1990;
- Having heard the explanations provided by the General Directorate thereon;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Approves the said report and invites the Director General to submit it to the General Conference.

**Decision on
Item 2.3 of the Agenda**

**Director General's Report on Member States' Contributions
to the Organization's Budget**

The Executive Council:

- Pursuant to *Article (6)* of the Financial Regulations;
- Having taken cognizance of Document *CE11/90/2.3*: Director General's Report on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget;
- Having heard the explanations provided by the General Directorate thereon;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

1- Approves the said report presented in Document *CE11/90/2.3* and invites the Director General to submit it to the General Conference for adoption;

2- Expresses concern over the pace of the settlement of Member States' contributions and the negative consequences that this has on the implementation of the Organization's programmes;

3- Urges Member States to regularly settle their contributions in full in compliance with the requisites of Islamic solidarity to which they committed themselves as they signed the Organization's Charter;

4- Calls on the General Conference to take the measures likely to induce Member States to honour their commitments towards the Organization;

5- Decides to address an appeal to the Kings, Emirs and Heads of Islamic States and Governments at the Sixth Summit meeting of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, bearing the signatures of the Chairman of the General Conference and the Chairman of the Executive Council.

6- Entrusts the Director General with presenting this appeal to the Muslim leaders at the Sixth Islamic Summit and entrusts the Council Chairman with sending a letter to the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference requesting him to insert this question in the agenda of the Sixth Islamic Summit. The Council further entrusts its Chairman with contacting His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Jaber Al Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait and Chairman of the Fifth Islamic Summit and His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal and Chairman of the next Islamic Summit in order to inform them of the matter and facilitate the mission entrusted to the Director General of ISESCO.

7- Entrusts the Director General with presenting specific proposals to the Council which are likely to put an end to the current situation which threatens ISESCO's productivity and existence, taking into consideration the new ideas expressed during the discussion of this item, including the reconsideration of ISESCO's funding system and its foundations, and benefiting from the experience of similar organizations working on the issues of the contemporary civilizational conflict.

8- Calls on the Director General to advise Member States' thereof and to undertake the necessary measures to redress the situation.

9- Decides to include this item in the agenda of the next General Conference.

**Decision on
Item 3.1 of the Agenda**

**Report of the Executive Council Committee on
the Reasons for non-Settlement by some Member States of
their Contributions to the Organization's Budget**

The Executive Council:

- Recalling recommendation CE10/89/PC;
- Having taken cognizance of the report prepared by the Committee which was set up by virtue of the above-mentioned recommendation (Document *CE11/90/3.1*);
- Having heard the explanations provided by the Committee Chairman and the General Directorate thereon;
- Considering Decision *CE11/90/DD2.3*;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

1- Takes one of the Committee's report and decides to suspend the Committee's action until the end of the Sixth Islamic Summit in order to decide, in the light of the future situation, whether the Committee should resume its work.

2- Invites the Committee to coordinate with the Director General in addressing those Member States which have failed to settle their contributions or have not settled them in due time, with a view to determining the causes behind some Member States' failure to settle their contributions and considering measures likely to help redress the situation.

3- Invites the Committee Chairman to submit a report thereon to the twelfth session of the Council.

**Decision on
Item 3.2 of the Agenda
Report of the Financial Control Committee and of
the Audit Company**

The Executive Council:

- Recalling the provisions of:
 - *Article (19)* of the Charter,
 - *Article (20)*, paragraph (b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
 - *Articles 20, 24, 25, 26 and 27* of the Financial Regulations;
- Considering Decision *CE9/88/MTP*;
- Having taken cognizance of Document *CE11/90/3.2*: Reports of the Financial Control Committee and of the Audit Company;
- Having heard the explanations of the General Directorate thereon;
- Taking into consideration the deliberations which have taken place on this item;

1- Expressed concern over the failure or delays of many Member States to honour their obligations fully and in due time.

2- Commends the policy of rationalization and austerity applied by the Director General and invites him to pursue this policy.

3- Commends the policy adopted by the General Directorate, which consisted in allocating 78% of overall expenditure to the programmes.

4- Approves the said report and requests the Director General to submit it to the General Conference.

**Decision on
Item 4.1 of the Agenda
ISESCO's Draft Medium-term Plan 1991-2000**

The Executive Council:

- Recalling *Article (20)* paragraph (h) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
 - Pursuant to the Council's decision adopted in its 10th session regarding ISESCO's draft medium-term Action Plan;
 - Having taking cognizance of Document *CE11/90/4.1*: abridged draft medium-term Plan 1991-2000;
 - Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the work of the Committee set up by the Council to draft the proposals discussed by the Council with a view to enriching the draft plan;
- 1- Adopts the guidelines of the draft plan presented in Document *CE11/90/4.1* amended.
 - 2- Commends the efforts expended by ISESCO's Director General and his assistants in preparing the draft plan.
 - 3- Requests the Director General to prepare the final draft of the Plan and submit it to the Council's 12th session, taking into account the following:
 - a) Comments by the Executive Council members
 - b) Views of Member States
 - c) Consultations with international organizations
 - d) Views of prominent personalities from the Islamic World.
 - 4- Decides to include this item in the agenda of the Council's 12th session with a view to submitting it to the fourth regular session of the General Conference.

**Decision on
Item 4.2 of the Agenda
Draft Plan for 1991-1994**

The Executive Council:

- Recalling *Article (20)* paragraphs (h) and (i) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;

- Having taken cognizance of Document *CE11/90/4.2 cor.*: Draft Plan for 1991-2000;

- Considering that the draft Plan 1991-1994 presented in Document *CE11/90/4.2 cor.* is part of the Medium-term plan 1991-2000 presented in Document *CE11/90/4.1*;

- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the amendments made by the Council Committee set up for this purpose;

1- Adopts the guidelines of the draft Plan as presented in Document *CE11/90/4.2 cor.*

2- Thanks the Director General for finalizing the document and warmly congratulates him as well as his officials for the good quality of the document in terms of content, clarity and utility.

3- Invites the Director General to prepare the final draft Plan for 1991-1994 and to submit it to the 12th session of the Council, taking into account the views of Member States, of the Executive Council and of Islamic scientific circles.

4- Sets up a delegation, made up of the Organization's Director General, the Executive Council Chairman, the Contributions Committee Chairman, the representative of Malaysia and the representative of Senegal, to pay visits to some Muslim countries in order to collect in cash donations as a form of financing other than contributions, which is aimed at disentangling the Organization from its current situations and enabling it to implement its programmes. The visits should also be aimed at presenting ISESCO's programmes to official as well as private financing institutions in order to obtain the funds necessary for financing them and enter into contact to this effect with the officials in charge of *waqf* and *Zakat*.

5- Decides to include this question in the Agenda of its 12th Council session with a view to submitting it to the fourth session of the General Conference.

**Decision on
Item 4.3 of the Agenda**

**Implementation Mechanisms of
the Special Islamic Programme for
Literacy and Basic Training for All in
Islamic Countries and Communities**

The Executive Council:

- Pursuant to the General Conference Resolution *CGE11/RPI* adopted at its second extraordinary session held in Jomtien, Thailand, on Shaaban 5, 1410H/March 3, 1990;
- Pursuant to the Executive Council Decision CE10/89/PIAFB adopted at its 10th session;
- Seeking to support the Islamic role as part of the international efforts aimed at the eradication of illiteracy and the implementation of the principle of education for all;
- Considering the need for implementation mechanisms for the Special Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training for All in Islamic Countries and Communities to implement the said programme;
- Taking cognizance of the commendable efforts exerted by ISESCO in standardizing the Arabic script with a view to using it in writing the languages of Muslim peoples;
- Considering that various Islamic institutions had committed themselves to support the programme and had set up the High Authority of the Special Islamic Programme;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;
- In the light of the presentation made by the General Directorate and the comments of the Council members thereon;

1- Thanks the Director General for the work achieved.

2- Thanks Islamic charitable associations and Islamic funding institutions for the interest they take in this programme and calls on the Programme's High Authority to attach greater importance to the matter in order to achieve the objectives of the Islamic Programmes.

3- Invites Member States to take the relevant measures at national level in order to support the Special Islamic Programme.

4- Calls on the Director General to pursue his efforts in ensuring follow-up to the Jomtien Conference and to participate in the Conference's follow-up Committee meeting which will be held next March in Geneva.

5- Decides to include this question in the agenda of the next session of the Executive Council with a view to submitting it to the fourth regular session of the General Conference.

6- Requests the General Directorate to reformulate the implementation mechanisms of the Special Islamic Programme included in Document CE11/90/4.3, taking into consideration Council members' comments, and to submit them again to the 12th Council session with a view to referring them to the 4th session of the General Conference.

**Decision on
Item 5.1 of the Agenda**

**Report of the Executive Council's Committee
in charge of considering the General Directorate's
Organizational Chart**

The Executive Council:

- Considering *Article (21)* of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Recalling the Council's Decisions *CE9/88/ORG* and *CE10/89/ORG*;
- Having heard the report of the Chairman of the Committee set up by the Council to consider the Organizational Chart of the General Directorate (Document *CE11/90/5.1*);
- Having heard the clarifications provided by the General Directorate thereon;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

1- Approves in principle the report's guidelines.

2- Refers the present report along with the Council members' views, for information, to Member States and to the Committee set up by the 3rd General Conference to revise the Organization's Charter and internal regulations.

**Decision on
Item 6 of the Agenda**

The situation of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait as a result of the Iraqi invasion, and role of the Organization in ensuring their continuity and protecting them from alteration and distortion

Presented by: the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Senegal, the Republic of the Gambia, the Republic of Guinea, the State of Qatar, the Islamic Federal Republic of Comoro, the State of Kuwait, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Mali and Malaysia.

The Executive Council:

- Confirming the Organization's objectives as stipulated in its Charter, including the need for efforts towards the achievement of the solidarity and unity of the Islamic Ummah, the consolidation of understanding among peoples and the contribution to the establishment of peace and security in the world through all available means, particularly through education, science and culture;

- Confirming the resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Arab League and the Security Council which condemned the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and called for total withdrawal and for the return of the legitimate Government;

- Adhering to the principle of brotherly dialogue and being committed to the rejection of aggression, invasion and the use of force as a means for solving conflicts and imposing decisions on Islamic peoples;

1- Expresses its distress at the tragic situation and massive losses suffered by the peaceful Kuwaiti people including the obstruction of the educational process, the violation of human rights and the deliberate damage suffered by educational, scientific and cultural institutions.

2- Declares its rejection of any measures aimed at obliterating the cultural identity of the Kuwaiti people and denying it the right to manage and run its educational, cultural and scientific institutions.

3- Calls for the prevention of any violation or action likely to alter the national educational system in Kuwait or hinder the work of its educational, scientific and cultural institutions.

4- Calls on the Director General to send a special envoy of senior rank, representing the Director General, to visit the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Kuwait in order to assess their conditions and the damage they have suffered as a result of the Iraqi invasion and to present a report thereon to the 12th session of the Executive Council.

**Decision on
Item 5.2 of the Agenda
Date and venue of the 12th session of
the Executive Council**

The Executive Council:

- Recalling the provisions of *Article 9* of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Recalling the resolution of the third session of the General Conference on convening the fourth session of the General Conference during the first week of November 1991;
- As this period coincides with other international meetings;
- Considering that the Council's 12th session will prepare the proceedings of the fourth session of the General Conference;

Decides to hold its 12th session in Rabat, capital city of the Kingdom of Morocco, from 12 to 18 November, 1991, and the fourth session of the General Conference from 20 to 22 November, 1991.