The Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 25-26 Jumada II 1433 A.H., corresponding to 17-18 May 2012,

- Having considered the Draft Agenda of its fifth session;
- Based on the discussions which have taken place,

**Decides the following:**

- **Adopts** the Draft Agenda of the fifth session of the Conference as contained in document (ICEM-5/2012/1.1).
Resolution on
the Draft Programme

The Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 25-26 Jumada II 1433 A.H., corresponding to 17-18 May 2012,

- Having considered the Draft Programme of its fifth session;
- Based on the discussions which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- **Adopts** the Draft Programme of the fifth session of the Conference as contained in document (ICEM-5/2012/1.2).
Resolution on
the Election of the Conference Bureau

The Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 25-26 Jumada II 1433 A.H., corresponding to 17-18 May 2012,

- Based on the proposals put forward,

Decides the following:

- Composes the Bureau of the Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers as follows:

  - **Chair:** Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
    His Royal Highness Prince Turki bin Nasser bin Abdulaziz, General President of Meteorology and Environment, President of the Fourth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers.

  - **Vice-chairs:**
    - Republic of Kazakhstan.
    - Arab Republic of Egypt.
    - Republic of Guinea.

  - **Rapporteur:**
    - Republic of Indonesia.
Resolution on
the Report of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment

The Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 25-26 Jumada II 1433 A.H., corresponding to 17-18 May 2012,
- Having considered the report of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment;
- Based on the discussions which have taken place,

Decides the following:
- **Adopts** the report of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment at its second meeting, taking into consideration the observations made by the Conference members.
- **Urges** the Member States to complete appointment of focal points for the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment to ensure follow-up to the implementation of the decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Executive Bureau and the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers.
- **Thanks** the chairman and members of the Bureau for their leading efforts.
Resolution on

the Progress Report on ISESCO’s Activities in the Field of Sustainable Development over the Period 2002-2012

The Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 25-26 Jumada II 1433 A.H., corresponding to 17-18 May 2012,

- Having considered the document entitled “Progress Report on ISESCO’s Activities in the Field of Sustainable Development over the Period 2002-2012”;
- Based on the discussions which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- **Adopts** the Progress Report on ISESCO’s Activities in the Field of Sustainable Development over the Period 2002-2012, taking into consideration the observations made by the Conference members.

- **Calls upon** the competent authorities in the Member States to intensify and coordinate efforts to fulfil regional and international commitments for sustainable development, and assess the implementation of their relevant policies and programmes in order to identify and remove impediments.

- **Underlines** the need to devise appropriate policies and strategies with a fixed timetable to provide the Member States with highly qualified human resources specializing in sustainable development, continuously improve skills within areas of specialty, and diversify training pathways to meet the ever-changing needs in various relevant sectors.

- **Stresses** the importance of linking instruments, policies and strategies related to the International Programme on Sustainable Development and Environment Protection to capacity building programmes in sustainable development and institutional action plans, in a bid to address the specific needs of Islamic countries.

- **Requests** the Member States’ competent authorities, along with civil society organizations and associations operating in the field of the environment and sustainable development, to provide the Secretariat of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment with periodic progress reports detailing their achievements in implementing the Islamic Action Programme for Sustainable Development, thus allowing the Bureau’s Secretariat to analyze implementation progress in the Member States.
- **Values** the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in promoting necessary sustainable development infrastructure and mechanisms, including the Strategic Centre for Environmental Information, and reiterates thanks to it for financially supporting the convening of the sessions of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers and the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment.

- **Welcomes** the establishment of the International Prize for Environmental Heritage, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Prince Turki bin Nasser bin Abdulaziz, President of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers; and invites the Director General to follow up procedures thereof in coordination with the competent parties.

- **Commends** the efforts of His Royal Highness Prince Turki bin Nasser bin Abdulaziz, President of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, in fostering Islamic solidarity and promoting the Islamic vision of environment protection and sustainable development.

- **Thanks** the Director General and his assistants for preparing this report, and invites him to take the necessary measures for submitting it to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 'Rio+20', due on 20-23 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

- **Invites** the Director General to submit a follow-up report on the implementation of this resolution to the Conference at its next session.
Resolution on

Statements and Reports of Heads of Delegation of Member States and International Organizations

The Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 25-26 Jumada II 1433 A.H., corresponding to 17-18 May 2012,

- Having heard the statements and reports presented by the heads of participating delegations,

Decides the following:

- Takes note of the reports and statements of the heads of participating delegations in the field of the environment and sustainable development.

- Commends the efforts made by Member States to achieve sustainable development as part of their regional and international commitments, and invites them to pursue their efforts to implement the resolutions of the Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, according to priority needs and in line with the Member States' general policies.
Resolution on

Document on “Green Economy: Its Role and Relevance in Islamic Countries”

The Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 25-26 Jumada II 1433 A.H., corresponding to 17-18 May 2012,

- Having considered the document entitled “Green Economy: Its Role and Relevance in Islamic Countries”
- Based on the discussions which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- Adopts the document entitled “Green Economy: Its Role and Relevance in Islamic Countries”, taking into consideration the observations made by the Conference members.

- Encourages the Member States to consider devising strategies for the promotion of understanding and capacity building in relation to green economy; underlines the necessity to assess the opportunities, challenges and risks associated with this concept and the ways of materializing it, to provide infrastructure and upgrade institutions and individuals to ensure a gradual and smooth transition to such an economic pattern in the Member States having potential to adopt it, while taking account of their socio-economic contexts, and stresses the importance of dealing with green economy within the framework of sustainable development and poverty eradication, and avoiding to address it from an environmental perspective with no heed of the economic and social dimensions of sustainable development.

- Recommends promoting investment and innovation in green economy conducive to sustained growth and new economic opportunities, through reforming relevant policies, and revamping legislation in a manner that would allow response to environmentally detrimental practices, easier importation of environment-friendly technologies, and enhancement and restoration of the natural capital as a public utility, particularly for the poor whose livelihoods and social security depend on natural resources.

- Emphasizes the need to avoid instrumentalizing green economy to perpetuate a global economic situation based on environmental standards and technologies that are not available to some countries, in order to prevent posing obstacles to trade and development in a way that undermines sustainable development in the developing countries, and restricts access to the markets of developed countries for the products of developing countries.
- **Stresses** the need to raise public awareness in the Member States of the importance of green economy as a crucial agent of, but not an alternative to, sustainable development, and to enhance communication with the various components of society in such a way as to highlight the benefits of environmental investment for the various stakeholders, including the private sector.

- **Underlines** the necessity to develop curricula and training paths both in higher education and in vocational and technical education in order to provide qualified labour force, and devise relevant qualification and training programmes so as to enhance understanding and capacity building in the field of green economy.

- **Calls for** allocating adequate budgets for the development of the sectors of technology and scientific research in the Member States, so as to build capacities to absorb and develop appropriate and environmentally sound technologies, given their effective role in ensuring transition to green economy and achieving sustainable development, enhancing resource efficiency and waste reduction, contributing to the creation of new job opportunities, and increasing competitiveness of products in local and international markets.

- **Thanks** the Secretariat of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment for preparing this document.
Resolution on

“Draft Executive Work Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Islamic Countries”

The Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 25-26 Jumada II 1433 A.H., corresponding to 17-18 May 2012,

- Having considered the Draft Executive Work Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Islamic Countries;
- Based on the discussions which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- **Adopts** the Draft Executive Work Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Islamic Countries, taking into consideration the observations made by the Conference members.

- **Urges** the Member States to accord top priority to disaster risk reduction in their national policies, and activate and build reference and coordination institutions to ensure implementation thereof, through developing the necessary plans and diagnostic studies and conducting the appropriate assessment processes.

- **Invites** the Member States to develop strategies and initiatives to promote the culture of safety and resilience to disaster risks through integrating disaster risk management measures in States’ plans, policies and programmes, including curricula, and benefit from the theoretical approaches as well as practical expertise and skills of relevant national and regional entities, most notably the international specialized mechanisms, the World Bank and the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR).

- **Recommends** devoting more attention to early assessment processes of disaster vulnerability of people, property and areas; developing control measures through establishing specialized centres to cope with these disasters and providing necessary support thereto, in order to avoid unplanned and unregulated land use; enforcing environmental controls, and applying safe building standards to contribute significantly to reducing attendant losses.

- **Stresses** the need to intensify efforts to collect and classify disaster risk reduction data, develop adequate mechanisms for the use, sharing and efficient management of these data, including relevant guidelines and policies, the aim being to regulate and standardize disaster risk diagnostic tools and reliably assess disaster impact.
- **Calls** on ISESCO to draw a roadmap, in cooperation with the World Bank and the GFDRR, and under the supervision of the Chair of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment, for renewing the coordination mechanisms for the collection of funds needed for the implementation of the Executive Work Plan for the implementation of the Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Islamic Countries.

- **Invites** Islamic and international funding institutions, especially the World Bank, along with Arab, African and Islamic development banks and funds, the GFDRR, UNDP, UK Department for International Development (DFID), Comprehensive Disaster Management of Bangladesh (CDMP), Asian Development Bank (ADB), JBIC/JICA, other UN agencies and bilateral donors, to contribute to funding activities under the Executive Work Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Islamic Countries.

- **Thanks** the Secretariat of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment, the World Bank and the GFDRR for preparing this document.
Resolution on
the Draft Islamic Declaration on Sustainable Development
within the Framework of the Islamic World’s Participation
in the Rio+20 Summit

The Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Astana, Republic of
Kazakhstan, on 25-26 Jumada II 1433 A.H., corresponding to 17-18 May 2012,

- Based on the discussions which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- **Adopts** the Draft Islamic Declaration on Sustainable Development, taking into
  consideration the observations made by the Conference members.

- **Invites** the OIC to unify the Member States’ positions on those sections contained in
  the UN document submitted to the Rio+20 Summit which are inconsistent with the
  Islamic values, and to call for amending or removing them.

- **Commissions** the President of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers,
  Chairman of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment, to submit the final
  version of the Declaration to the Rio+20 Summit, and take the adequate measures to
  publicize the content and orientations of the Declaration.

- **Calls** on the Member States to effectively take part in the Rio+20 Summit, support
  the efforts of the President of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers,
  Chairman of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment, during the Summit,
  the aim being to highlight the constructive initiatives and concrete achievements
  made by the Conference in its previous sessions, in collaboration with the Member
  States and a number of specialized international organizations and bodies.
Resolution on


The Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 25-26 Jumada II 1433 A.H., corresponding to 17-18 May 2012,

- Having considered the “Draft Updated Version of the General Framework of the Islamic Agenda for Sustainable Development”;
- Based on the discussions which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- **Adopts** the Updated Version of the General Framework of the Islamic Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into consideration the observations made by the Conference members.

- **Emphasizes** the importance of developing a consensual approach among the Member States to the reform of the institutional framework for sustainable development and to follow-up processes and initiatives, with a view to honouring the commitments, programmes and time-bound targets adopted at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

- **Requests** the Member States to make conscientious efforts to bridge remaining gaps in implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development, especially those related to poverty eradication, food security, income inequality, preservation of biodiversity and mountains ecosystem, combating climate change and desertification, reducing pressure on ecosystems as well as providing access to clean water and sanitation.

- **Invites** concerned international organizations, institutions and organs to address economic, social and environmental challenges facing the OIC Member States and cooperate with ISESCO and the OIC General Secretariat in implementing the General Framework of the Islamic Agenda for Sustainable Development in line with Member States’ needs and priorities.

- **Thanks** the Director General and his assistants for preparing this document.
Resolution on
the Election of the Members of the Islamic Executive Bureau
for the Environment

The Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 25-26 Jumada II 1433 A.H., corresponding to 17-18 May 2012,

- Based on the proposals put forward;

Decides the following:

- Composes the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment, for a two-year term, as follows:
  - **Chairman:** His Royal Highness Prince Turki bin Nasser bin Abdulaziz.
  - **Secretariat:** the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)
  - **Members:**

  **Arab Region:**
  - United Arab Emirates
  - Republic of Iraq
  - Republic of Yemen
  - Libya

  **African Region:**
  - Republic of Niger
  - Republic of Cameroon
  - Republic of Guinea
  - Republic of Côte D’Ivoire

  **Asian Region:**
  - Republic of Kazakhstan
  - Republic of Indonesia
  - Republic of Kyrgyzstan
  - People’s Republic of Bangladesh

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation shall attend the Bureau’s meetings.
Resolution on

Document “Progress Report on the Project of the Islamic Academy for Environment and Sustainable Development”

The Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 25-26 Jumada II 1433 A.H., corresponding to 17-18 May 2012,

- Having considered the document entitled “Progress Report on the Project of the Islamic Academy for Environment and Sustainable Development”;
- Based on the discussions which have taken place;

Decides the following:

- **Adopts** the progress report on the establishment of the Islamic Academy for Environment and Sustainable Development as an added value to the institutional framework of joint Islamic action in the field of the environment and sustainable development, taking into consideration the observations made by the Conference members.

- **Suggests** creating networks of the Academy experts from the Member States to constitute the core of an Islamic network for the environment and sustainable development and to act as a think tank to steer the programmes of the Academy, and calls for ensuring coordination among them and with the environmental institutions and bodies existing in the Member States.

- **Calls upon** the Member States and their environment and sustainable development institutions and bodies as well as regional, sub-regional and international organizations and development banks to extend their full support to the Academy, cooperate with it in the establishment process and strengthen its capacities to enable it to achieve its mission in the best possible manner.

- **Appreciates** the efforts exerted by the Kingdom of Morocco, represented by the Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and the Environment, towards establishing the Academy and providing the necessary working means, facilities and tools to this end.

- **Invites** the Director General to follow up implementation of the project with the competent authorities in the Kingdom of Morocco and present a progress report on the establishment of the Academy to the Sixth Session of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers.