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The Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) held its 31st session, with the help and grace of Allah, in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 29 Rajab - 01 Shaabane 1431 A.H. / 12-14 July 2010. Taking part in this session were the members of the Council and their accompanying delegations, except for the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the State of the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Republic of Suriname, the Republic of Gabon, the State of Qatar, and the Republic of Lebanon.

1. The opening session was presided over by Executive Council's Chairman H.E. Dr Boubacar Doukouré, in the presence of ISESCO's Director General H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, along with a number of Member States' ambassadors to the Kingdom of Morocco, regional and international organizations' representatives, and a host of officials and personalities concerned with cultural, media and intellectual issues.
2. After recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, Dr Boubacar Doukouré called to order the Executive Council's 31st session with an address wherein he described the work done by ISESCO as highly remarkable and deserving of full recognition not only from the Executive Council and the General Conference, but also from parallel organizations with which ISESCO has extensive cooperation agreements and partnership relations. In this sense, he stressed that the Director General's report on ISESCO's activities in 2009 clearly reflects the special status ISESCO has reached, and the satisfactory level of activity it has maintained in number and variety.

Dr Doukouré also explained that the Executive Council takes pride in the outstanding performance of the Director General, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, and the constantly unflagging efforts he exerts at the head of ISESCO and in international forums, which gives a bright image of the Organization and the Muslim world. As an enlightened intellectual with extensive knowledge and great proficiency, the Executive Council's Chairman

added, the Director General promotes further understanding both of the Islamic view regarding contemporary issues and of ISESCO's objectives and Islamic joint action, through his active, fruitful participation in various international forums and meetings.

At the close of his speech, the Executive Council's Chairman congratulated the Director General on his accomplishment of the noble mission entrusted to him, and expressed wishes for further success to him and his assistants.

3. For his turn, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri welcomed the Executive Council's members and the guests in attendance. He also expressed thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco and the Moroccan government for the constant support granted to ISESCO to accomplish its mission.

The outcome of the activities implemented in 2009, the Director General underlined, points to a sharp increase in implementation rates. The overall activities implemented by ISESCO account for 80% of the scheduled activities. He explained that those activities in education, science, culture, communication, and external relations and cooperation took the form of conferences, symposia, encounters, experts' meetings, regional and sub-regional training sessions, national training sessions, development of studies, reports, guides, dispatch of professors, translation, printing, publication, provision of support, prizes and grants, partnering with regional and international organizations in organizing international specialized conferences and symposia, ISESCO's regional centres, and the activities conducted as part of ISESCO's university chairs.

The Director General also added, "As a result of this steady expansion in the implementation of activities, and in view of the innovation and development features introduced to the fields of action and the issues explored, there was an increase in the number of international conferences and symposia which ISESCO has held or those to which it has contributed." By actively engaging in such international events dealing with major issues of particular concern to the world opinion, and propounding the Islamic view of the issues debated, ISESCO established itself as a key partner in the international community's efforts to enhance dialogue of cultures and alliance of civilizations. The Director General also described as successful the visit which he paid to the United States at an official invitation from the U.S. Department of State, and

said that it was a valuable opportunity to open up greater prospects for joint Islamic action and cooperation between America and the Islamic world in the areas falling within ISESCO's scope of action. During that visit, the Director General met a host of political leaderships from the Executive Office of the President in the White House, the U.S. Department of State, the Ministry of Education and Congress. He said that he also explored with those American officials cooperation issues in education, science, technology, and discussed ways to benefit from American expertise in such fields.

He went on to explain that such openness on international horizons to channel modern education systems, science and technology into the Islamic world reflects the degree of progress made by ISESCO. He further explained, "This is a source of pride to all Member States. It shows that ISESCO is treading the right path to achieve the objectives set out in its Charter, strategies and action plans."

Dr Altwajri further pointed out that the Executive Council's session is held at a time when the Islamic world is faced with extremely difficult challenges, with devastating effects of cutbacks in expenditure on education and scientific and technological research in most of the Islamic world's states. As well as explaining that such conditions make the responsibilities assumed by ISESCO even heavier, the Director General called for greater efforts, within joint Islamic action and solidarity, to help ISESCO reach the objectives falling within its ambit, discharge its mission to the best standards and lay down strong foundations for the Islamic civilizational resurgence.

Most alarming of all the economic, social, scientific and cultural development challenges posed to the Islamic world, the Director General emphasized, is the unjust Zionist occupation imposed on the Palestinian people. Pointing out to the efforts exerted by ISESCO to alleviate the adverse effects of Israeli occupation, he explained that there were several press communiqués wherein ISESCO strongly condemned Israel's criminal policy in Palestine and urged on the international community to promptly intervene to stand up for the Palestinian's legitimate rights and safeguard international legality. ISESCO, he added, has constantly supported the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the occupied Al-Quds and other Palestinian territories. At the close of his speech, the Director General made "an urgent call to the Islamic world, in particular, and to the international community, in general, to support

the Palestinian people in their just cause and pressurize Israel's rogue government into lifting the blockade on the steadfast Gaza Strip, and implementing the provisions of the Security Council Presidential Statement, which calls for a UN-led investigation into the armed attack by Israeli forces in international waters in the Mediterranean against the 'Al-Hurriya' flotilla." He also urged on the various factions in Palestine to "close ranks, put aside their differences and unite against the enemy to liberate their usurped land, restore their sacred places and establish their independent Palestinian State with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital."

4. Afterwards, the Director General handed ISESCO Golden Medal along with a Certification of Appreciation to H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Saleh Bin Habtoor, Former Member of ISESCO's Executive Council, Rector of the University of Aden, Republic of Yemen; along with H.E. Ambassador Dr. Erkin Rahmatullaev, State Advisor to the President on Foreign Policy, Member of ISESCO's Executive Council, Republic of Tajikistan; and H.E. Mr Elhassan Souaré, Director of Strategic Studies, Prime Minister Cabinet, Member of ISESCO's Executive Council, Republic of Guinea.
5. On the same occasion, H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Saleh Bin Habtoor, Rector of the University of Aden, presented ISESCO's Director General with the University's Shield, in appreciation of his efforts to promote university action in the Islamic world, and expand cooperation and partnership between Islamic universities, in his capacity as Secretary General of the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World.
6. At the close of the opening session, the Director General handed Mr Imtiaz Kazi, Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in ISESCO's Executive Council, ISESCO Prize for Leading Literacy Projects in the Member States in 2009, which went to the Elementary Education Foundation in Pakistan for their (Literacy for All) project.
7. And as part of contribution to the celebration of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures, the Executive Council held a roundtable on the theme "**Role of Cultural Diversity in Promoting Common Human Values**", with Dr Boubacar Doukouré as the Chair. Speaking at the roundtable were Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of ISESCO; Dr Iba Der Thiam, Member of ISESCO's Executive Council, from Senegal; Dr Sulaiman al-Khatib, Member of ISESCO's Executive Council,

from Syria; Dr Abdulmajid al-Badawi, Member of ISESCO's Executive Council, from Tunisia; and Mr Imtiaz Kazi, Member of ISESCO's Executive Council, from Pakistan.

8. During discussions, the participants commended ISESCO's initiative to hold that roundtable as part of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures, amid challenges posed by globalization on plurality and cultural diversity. They also stressed the importance of respect for cultural diversity in establishing equitable dialogue between cultures and civilizations. In this regard, they emphasized the necessity to activate relevant documents and reference material, most notably the Islamic Declaration on Cultural Diversity, which was developed by ISESCO and adopted by the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers at its fourth session held in Algiers in December 2004; in addition to the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, which was adopted by UNESCO at its General Conference in October 2005. They also stressed that cultural diversity is God's way in His universe, and a natural outcome of difference between peoples, cultures and civilizations. It is therefore no wonder, they stressed, that Islam is a religion of dialogue, love, peace, middle stance and moderation, and that diversity and plurality are inherent to the Islamic culture.

Moreover, the participants called for highlighting those lofty values, as a means to counter deliberate misinterpretation of Islam and combat Islamophobia. They also invited ISESCO to further develop programmes in cultural diversity and dialogue among civilizations, with due attention focused on gearing those programmes to the youth, in order to instil in future generations' minds the importance of plurality and cultural diversity in entrenching common human values and shoring up the human civilizational edifice. Also stressed was the need to dedicate programmes to the promotion of internal dialogue and social peace as part of ISESCO's Strategy for Bringing Muslim Madhahibs Closer Together. Also significant, the participants called for methodically confronting the standardized pattern of globalisation, in order to preserve cultural and civilizational diversity among peoples and nations and create synergy between cultures and civilizations in building a common future world. They stressed the necessity to resolve regional conflicts, especially the Palestinian cause, as well as remedy injustice, end occupation and promote respect for international law and

enforcement of the resolutions of the international legality, as prerequisites for enduring world peace and successful dialogue of cultures and alliance of civilizations.

9. At the beginning of the first working session, the Executive Council's Chairman and ISESCO's Director General welcomed into the membership of the Executive Council the representatives of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the State of the United Arab Emirates, the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of the Union of Comoros, the Republic of Mali, the Republic of Maldives, the Kingdom of Morocco, and the Republic of Somalia. Thereafter, the Executive Council's Chairman presented the Draft Agenda and Programme for the 31st session of the Executive Council, which were discussed and adopted.
10. The Director General presented the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Activities in 2009. At the beginning of his presentation, he said that the activities implemented during the reported period testify to ISESCO's compliance with the resolutions of the General Conference at its 9th and 10th sessions and the recommendations of the Executive Council at its 29th and 30th sessions. He also said that those activities reflect ISESCO's observance of the constant principles of the Islamic value system, together with its commitment to serving humanity's causes and promoting world peace and security, through its strong presence in various forums on interfaith and intercultural dialogue and the alliance of civilizations.

The Director General underlined that in 2009 ISESCO scheduled 582 activities in education, science, culture, communication and information. Out of these, he explained, 467 were implemented which account for 80% of the activities programmed, thus marking a notable increase compared with the last year of the Action Plan 2007-2009, during which 452 of the scheduled activities were carried out.

He added that the implemented activities spanned the Organization's different fields of action, as well as directorates and specialized divisions, thus totaling 102 activities in education, 155 in science, 138 in culture and communication, and 72 in external relations and cooperation.

He further explained that in those various educational, scientific and cultural areas, ISESCO organized 21 conferences, 49 meetings and colloquia, 94 activities (expert meetings, seminars and regional and sub-regional training sessions), and 71 national sessions. ISESCO also developed 14 guides, reports and studies. 111 activities were also implemented which featured technical and financial support, scholarships for students both in the Member States and among Muslim communities outside the Islamic world, along with annual prizes for educational, scientific and cultural topics to deserving individuals, bodies and organizations in the Member States. In addition, ISESCO joined up with regional and international organizations sharing common interest in the implementation of 55 activities, and dispatched 23 Arabic language and Islamic education teachers to universities and Islamic Arab education institutions in a number of states in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Furthermore, the Director General also stated that ISESCO implemented 8 activities in pursuance of its action within its centres for audiovisual and multimedia production, as well as literacy and training of Arabic language and Islamic education teachers. Further attention was also devoted to academic chairs, including specialized academic chairs for education on dialogue and peace culture. And with regard to the enforcement of the resolutions of the previous sessions of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, the Director General said that ISESCO pursued the implementation of its programme on celebrating Islamic culture capitals. In 2009, ISESCO conducted a set of educational, scientific, cultural and information activities as part of the celebration of Kairouan, N'Djamena as well as Baku and Kuala Lumpur, as capitals of Islamic culture in the Arab, African and Asian regions respectively. He also explained that ISESCO has also continued catering for Muslim communities and minorities outside the Islamic world. In this regard, he pointed out, ISESCO held the regular meetings both of the Supreme Council for Education, Science and Culture for Muslims outside the Islamic World, and of the Heads of Islamic Associations and Cultural Centres in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

In addition, the Director General stated that ISESCO, using the technical capabilities and modern equipment of its digital printing unit, released 35 new publications (books and studies) in 2009, all of them posted on the internet in full-text format and in the Organization's three working languages.

At the end of his presentation, the Director General expressed the Organization's aspiration to realize additional achievements for the Member States and its keenness to go further in the promotion of its civilizational mission. Hailing the Member States' cooperative efforts, the Director General said ISESCO aspires to enhance such cooperation at the moral and material levels in order to promote education, science, culture and communication and contribute to consolidating foundations for social security, peace and progress not only in the Islamic world, but also at the global level.

11. During discussion on the Director General's Report on ISESCO's Activities in 2009, the observations of the Council's members focused on what follows:

- To commend the quality, evolution, accuracy and presentation of action, as well as the responsiveness of the implemented activities to the needs of the Member States in line with the priorities set out by the General Conference and Executive Council;
- To praise the high implementation rate of scheduled activities and rationalization of expenditure;
- To commend the efforts of the Director General to support the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine in general and in Al-Quds Al-Sharif in particular, as well as his initiatives to prosecute Israeli war criminals for their crimes against cultural property in Al-Quds and all Palestinian territories;
- To benefit from Member States' successful experiences in fields falling within ISESCO's competence, especially in science, technology, information, communication, quality education, diversification of energy sources, including nuclear power for peaceful purposes, environment preservation, the fight against desertification and water scarcity;
- To attach further importance to the evaluation of activities and monitoring of their field impact through definition of objectives, highlighting of their results and profitability to the Member States and Muslim minorities and communities, and definition of obstacles to their implementation;
- To encourage the implementation of further activities relating to entrenching cultural diversity, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, fighting Islamophobia and establishing the culture of justice, tolerance and peace;

- To reaffirm the importance of developing special programmes on education on the culture of dialogue and tolerance and gearing them to the youth and civil society institutions in the Islamic world;
- To reinforce programmes and activities aimed at teaching Arabic, especially to non-Arabic speakers;
- To devote greater interest to activities relating to the promotion of the products of cultural industries in the Islamic world and involving the private sector therein;
- To expand the scope of beneficiaries from human resources training sessions in general management, and planning and evaluation in particular;
- To increase the visibility of ISESCO's efforts and achievements through organization of ISESCO's Days in the Member States, in coordination with the members of the Executive Council and the relevant parties;
- To schedule and implement large-scale regional activities in order to avoid scattering of efforts and achieve wider field impact.

12. Thereafter, the Council approved the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Activities for the year 2009, commending the steady efforts being exerted by the Director General to expand the scope of cooperation with regional and international organizations as well as with Arab and Islamic institutions towards the implementation of the scheduled programmes. The Council's members expressed their thanks to the Director General and his assistants for their outstanding efforts to follow up the implementation of programmes and rationalize expenditure, while taking into account the pressing needs of the Member States as well as the Muslim communities and minorities. The Council also agreed to refer the report to ISESCO's 11th General Conference with a recommendation to adopt it.

13. The Director General presented the Financial Report and Closing Accounts for Financial Year 2009, which includes the closing accounts of the period between 1 January to 31 December 2009. He highlighted that the overall contributions received from the Member States for the financial year 2009 totaled US\$ 15,020,149 of which US\$ 12,851,674 correspond to the Member States' contributions for 2009 and the previous years. The Director General also stated that ISESCO managed to secure important additional resources in 2009, thanks to the personal and intensive contact made by the Director

General with a number of governmental and nongovernmental personalities, and charity institutions in the Member States to obtain support for some programmes and activities. In this respect, he pointed out that off-budget resources collected in 2009 totaled an amount of US\$ 962,322 and that the resources obtained from joint programmes amount to US\$ 1,206,153.

In addition, ISESCO during 2009 received a number of donations amounting to US\$ 381,896, including a support of US\$ 339,896 from the Kuwait Ministry of Waqf and Islamic Affairs, to implement various activities, a support amounting to US\$ 30,000 from the Sultanate of Oman for the benefit of Afghanistan, and a support of US\$ 12,000 from the Islamic Development Bank.

In his presentation, the Director General informed the Council that the General Directorate, based on the General Conference resolution No CG10/2009/R.2.5 and the Executive Council resolution No CE30/2009/D.2.4, decided to terminate its contract with the previous audit company, and selected in coordination with the Council's Chairman the "Compagnie internationale d'Audit, de Conseil d'Entreprise et d'Expertises" (CIACEE). The Director General proposed to the Council to endorse the appointment of the "Compagnie internationale d'Audit, de Conseil d'Entreprise et d'Expertises" (CIACEE), in view of its expertise and the credibility it enjoys within its competence.

- 14.** Subsequently, the representative of the audit company presented his company's report for the financial year 2009. Similarly, the rapporteur of the Financial Control Committee presented the Report of the Committee for Financial Year 2009. He explained that the Committee examined the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for 2009 and the Report of the Audit Company on the Accounts of the Organization for Financial Year 2009, and noted that this report provides a full and clear idea about the income and expenditure of the Organization in 2009. The Committee commended the General Directorate's financial policy and the efforts undertaken by the Director General to obtain additional financial resources for the implementation of the activities scheduled under the financial year 2009. Furthermore, the Committee thanked in its report the Member States who settled their contributions and arrears to the budget of the Organization in 2009, and exhorted those with unsettled contributions to pay

them up. In this regard, the Committee recommended to the Executive Council of ISESCO to extend for one additional year (2011) the duration of the easy terms of payment of arrears for the Member States who did not benefit from them.

- 15.** The Executive Council's members expressed satisfaction with the allocation of a large portion of the Organization's budget for the implementation of programmes and activities, accounting for 62% of the total expenditure. They also expressed appreciation for the Director General's keen efforts to rationalize expenditure and comply with the recommendations of the Financial Control Committee and the Audit Company.

After deliberations, the Executive Council adopted the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts, the Report of the Audit Company, and the Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Financial Year 2009. The Council also approved the selection of the "Compagnie internationale d'Audit, de Conseil d'Entreprise et d'Expertises" (CIACEE) to audit ISESCO's closing accounts, and endorsed its report for 2009. It commended the Director General's efforts in collecting financial resources, rationalizing expenditure and enhancing the Organization's working mechanisms, and invited him to continue his endeavours and fruitful efforts to obtain further support for the Organization's activities.

In addition, the Executive Council thanked all personalities and parties having made donations to support the Organization. It also thanked the Financial Control Committee and the Audit Company for preparing the report. Afterwards, the Council agreed to submit this report, with a recommendation for endorsement, to the 11th General Conference.

- 16.** Afterwards, the Director General presented his Report on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization for the Year 2009. He highlighted the situation of the contributions obtained from Member States and arrears accrued in 2009 and previous financial years. He also pointed to the efforts of the Executive Council and the Director General to urge Member States to settle their contributions to the Organization's budget, and follow up the implementation of the resolutions of the 8th, 9th and 10th General Conference sessions regarding the easy terms of exemption from arrears. The Director General also explained that the contributions collected during the period from 1 January to

31 December 2009 reached US\$ 12,851,674, of which an amount of US\$ 8,471,156 was obtained for financial year 2009, and US\$ 4,380,518 representing contributions paid for previous financial years. There is also an amount of US\$ 1,027, 511 relative to the contribution paid in advance for financial year 2010 by the Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The Federal Republic of Nigeria has also paid in advance its contribution for 2011.

The Director General expressed satisfaction at the amount of the funds collected as part of Member States' contributions for 2009, which has reached for the first time US\$ 8,471,156, accounting for 61,83% of the Organization's adopted annual budget of US\$13,700,151.

As for contributions of the Member States since the year 1982 up to 31 December 2009, the Director General stated that they reached US\$ 159,581,499, which represents 54% of the projected annual budgets amounting to US\$ 296,099,165. Arrears since the establishment of ISESCO up to 31 December 2009 amounted to US\$ 72,265,947, the equivalent of 24 % of the projected budget estimates, which amount to US\$ 296,099,165, including the arrears under the year 2009, corresponding to US\$ 4,954,991, that is 36 % of the budget allocated to the financial year 2009, which amounts to US\$ 13,700,151.

Being aware of the keen interest taken by the Executive Council in the issue of obtaining Member States' contributions to the Organization budget and settling financial arrears, the Director General made reference to the efforts he conducted to urge a number of Member States to settle their arrears within the framework of the resolutions of the 8th, 9th and 10th sessions of the General Conference on easy terms of payment of arrears. In this regard, he said that 25 Member States have positively responded, and accordingly benefited from the resolutions on payment and exemption. As for the Member States who contest their contributions as part of the Organization's budget, and after the representative of the State of Kuwait stressed that his country pays up its contributions as approved by Kuwait's Council of Ministers, and that Kuwait has therefore no arrears to ISESCO's budget, the Director General proposed to refer that issue to the forthcoming General Conference which is seized of the matter.

17. After deliberations, the Council adopted the Report of the Director General on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization for 2009. The Council also expressed thanks and appreciation to the Director General for his efforts in intensifying contact with Member States in order to collect maximum contributions and promote cooperation with international organizations to support the Organization's activities and programmes.

Besides, the Council called on the Member States having not yet paid up their contributions to the Organization and those in arrears to meet their obligations by paying their contributions and arrears in the shortest possible time, in order to enable the Organization to discharge its duties. In addition, the Council called on the Director General to continue coordination and consultation with the Member States having arrears, in order to collect those arrears and agree on practical mechanisms to settle them, in accordance with the relevant decisions and resolutions of the Executive Council and General Conference. The Council also agreed to submit this report, with a recommendation for endorsement, to the 11th General Conference.

18. In appreciation of the remarkable performance of ISESCO's staff members, and in a bid to help them keep up with the rising cost of living and inflation, the Executive Council agreed, on a proposal from both the Executive Council's Chairman and ISESCO's Director General, to raise the gross salary of all ISESCO's personnel by 5% as of 1 July 2010.

19. As the three-year mandate of the Financial Control Committee elected at the 28th Executive Council expires, the Council elected the following Member States to the membership of the Committee for the coming three years:

- Republic of Tajikistan
- Kingdom of Morocco
- Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Republic of Yemen

The Council called upon the above-mentioned States to nominate their representatives from among experts and specialists in the field, and invited the Committee to seek the assistance of a technical control company to assess the

general situation of the headquarters and insert its observations and proposals in the Committee's report at the 32nd session of the Executive Council.

- 20.** Based on Article 12 (III section "k") of the Charter, and in line with Article 20 (section "k") of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council; having examined the nominations for the position of ISESCO's Deputy Director General, which include the following candidates: Dr Hafid Boutaleb Joutei, candidate of the Kingdom of Morocco, Dr Mukhtar Ahmed, candidate of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and Dr Thierno Aliou Banire Diallo, candidate of the Republic of Guinea; and following the presentation made by the Director General and the deliberations that took place; and since the Member States' representatives persisted each in supporting their countries' candidates to the position, a secret ballot took place which produced the following results: the candidate of the Kingdom of Morocco (18 votes), the candidate of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (18 votes) and the candidate of the Republic of Guinea (5 votes).

And given that the election ended in a tie between the respective candidates of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Council voted on a second round, which resulted in the election of the candidate of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Dr Mukhtar Ahmed, with 23 votes against 18 votes for the candidate of the Kingdom of Morocco, as Deputy Director General for a three-year term of office, renewable only once, as of 1 January 2011.

- 21.** The Council decided to hold its 32nd session at ISESCO's permanent headquarters in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, in the first week of July 2011.
- 22.** At the close of its proceedings, the Executive Council issued a decision on the situation in occupied Palestine. In its decision the Executive Council condemned the aggressive, terrorist acts of Israeli occupation forces against the Palestinian people. It also called for lifting the blockade on Gaza Strip and allowing unimpeded access of humanitarian convoys to Gaza to provide aid to Palestinian people. The Executive Council also urged the Member States to support the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in all Palestinian territories; and called on the international community to immediately act to relieve Palestinian people's suffering so that they obtain their national rights, notably the right to establish a fully sovereign Independent Palestinian State with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as capital. The Executive Council then turned to

ISESCO, inviting it to continue its bid to file a lawsuit before international justice against Israeli civilians and militaries responsible for war crimes against Palestinian cultural property. And addressing the international community, the Executive Council called for a prompt, effective response to protest against the ongoing construction of the Separation Wall in the Palestinian territories and pressurize Israel to uproot it, in the light of the relevant resolution by the International Court of Justice. Finally, the Executive Council strongly condemned Israel's aggressive policy in occupied Al-Quds, which aims to judaize this holy city, alter its Arab and Islamic character and desecrate its Islamic sanctities through the ongoing excavations in the precincts of Al-Aqsa Mosque.

- 23.** The Executive Council then adopted its 31st session's final report.
- 24.** Speaking at the closing session, H.E. Dr Hadi Azizzadeh, ISESCO's Deputy Director General, thanked the Director General for putting in all effort to serve joint Islamic action, and also for assisting him in accomplishing his mission as Deputy Director General. Dr Azizzadeh also congratulated the new Deputy Director General and wished him full success in his duties.
- 25.** Rejoicing in the great achievement made by the Executive Council, H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri said this positive outcome of this session of the Executive Council is a sure sign of ISESCO's successful bid to accomplish its duties and mission of human civilization development. He went on to thank the Executive Council's members for accomplishing their duties in helping ISESCO achieve greater prospects for a better and secure future for the Muslim Ummah, based on quality education, developed science and productive culture.

He also said that the progress reached in this session confirms once again that the Organization is on the right path set forth by its Charter and mirrored through the programmes, activities, projects, and fields of action scheduled under its action plan. He further emphasized that the General Directorate would spare no effort to accomplish its major tasks.

- 26.** Afterwards, H.E Dr Aboubacar Doukouré, Chairman of ISESCO's Executive Council, delivered an address, in which he underlined that the reports presented to this session, along with the discussions and decisions taken prove that ISESCO treads the right path. This, he added, boosts the Council's

confidence in the General Directorate, which made great success in its action and promoted ISESCO to the ranks of leading organizations enjoying respect from partners. He declared that the momentous decisions adopted by the Executive Council at its present session will help enhance ISESCO's status and presence at the Islamic and international levels, and give strong impetus to its efforts in various areas. He also pointed out that this is sure sign that the Executive Council has been successful in carrying out its mission as defined by the Charter. Here is a fine record of achievement, he added, which the Executive Council's members can present to the competent authorities in their countries as concrete proof of the fruitful, serious effort made by ISESCO. The Executive Council's Chairman also commended ISESCO's immense contribution to international action, thanks to the Director General's successful efforts and his active participation in various international forums, and to the efforts of his assists each in their positions.

27. At the end of its 31st session, the Executive Council addressed a message of thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco, for His Majesty's sustained support to ISESCO to carry on performing its mission in the best conditions.

Decisions



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**Decision on Item 1.1 of the Draft Agenda:
(Draft Agenda)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Articles (22-24) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having considered the Draft Agenda of its 31st Session contained in Document (CE31/2010/1.1 Provisional),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Agenda of its current 31st Session as contained in Document (CE31/2010/1.1 Adopted) annexed to the Final Report.



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Decision on Item 1.2 of the Agenda:

(Draft Programme)

The Executive Council,

- Recalling Decision (CE 30/2009/D.4.2) adopted by the Executive Council at its 30th Session (Tunis, 27-29 June 2009), whereby the Council decided to hold its 31st Session in July 2010 at ISESCO's Permanent Headquarters in Rabat, capital of the Kingdom of Morocco,
- Considering Decision (CE 31/2010/D.1.1) adopted by the Council regarding the Agenda of its current 31st Session,
- Having considered the Draft Programme contained in Document (CE31/2010/1.2 Provisional),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Programme of its current 31st Session as contained in Document (CE31/2010/1.2 Adopted) annexed to the Final Report.



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Decision on Item 2.1 of the Agenda:

**(Report of the Director General
on ISESCO's Activities for the Year 2009)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (20), paragraph (a), of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having considered the Report of the Director General on the Organization's Activities for the Year 2009, as contained in Document (CE 31/2010/2.1),
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General of ISESCO in this connection,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the views and orientations set forth by the Executive Council members,

Decides the following:

- 1- Adopts the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Activities for the Year 2009 as contained in Document (CE 31/2010/2.1);
- 2- Hails the steady efforts exerted by the Director General to broaden the areas of cooperation with international and regional organizations as well as Islamic and Arab institutions within the framework of programmes' implementation.
- 3- Thanks the Director General and his assistants for their outstanding efforts in pursuing the implementation of programmes and rationalizing expenditure thereon, while taking into account the fulfilment of the pressing needs of the Member States and Muslim communities and minorities.
- 4- Agrees to submit this report to the forthcoming General Conference, with recommendation for endorsement.



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Decision on Item 2.2 of the Agenda:

(Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts, Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Year 2009)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the following:
 - * Articles (16) and (19) of the Charter,
 - * Article (20), paragraphs (b,e,f,g), of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
 - * Articles (19-20) and Articles (24-29) of the Financial Regulations,
- Having considered the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Year 2009, as contained in Document (CE 31/2010/2.2),
- Having heard the presentation made in this connection by the Director General, the representative of the Audit Company and the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Year 2009, as contained in Document (CE 31/2010/2.2).

- 2.** Approves the appointment of the “Compagnie internationale d’Audit, de Conseil d’Entreprise et d’Expertises” (CIACEE) to audit the closing accounts of ISESCO, and adopts its report for the Financial Year 2009 as contained in Document (CE 31/2010/2.2).
- 3.** Commends the efforts of the Director General in collecting financial resources, rationalizing expenditure and improving the Organization’s working mechanisms, and invites him to continue his endeavours and carry on his fruitful efforts to obtain further support for the Organization’s activities.
- 4.** Thanks all personalities and parties that have made donations to support the Organization.
- 5.** Thanks the Financial Control Committee and the Audit Company for preparing the report.
- 6.** Agrees to submit this report to the forthcoming General Conference, with recommendation for endorsement.



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Decision on Item 2.3 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization for the Year 2009)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (6) of the Financial Regulations,
- Recalling the decisions and resolutions adopted by previous Executive Council and General Conference Sessions in this connection, in particular the following:
 - * Resolution (CG 8/2003/R.3.2) adopted by the 8th General Conference (Tehran, 27-29 December 2003),
 - * Resolution (CG 9/2006/R.2.11) adopted by the 9th General Conference (Rabat, 8 - 10 December 2006),
 - * Decision (CE 24/2003/D.3.2) adopted by the Executive Council at its 24th Session (Tehran, 21-25 December 2003), whereby it adopted the Council's report on the criteria and modalities concerning the exemption of Member States with arrears from payment thereof,
 - * Decision (CE 27/2006/D.2.11) adopted by the Executive Council at its 27th Session (Rabat, 4-5 December 2006),
 - * Decision (CE 28/2007/D.2.2) adopted by the Executive Council at its 28th Session (Rabat, 9 July 2007),
 - * Decision (CE 29/2008/D.2.3) adopted by the Executive Council at its 29th Session (Rabat, 2-4 July 2008),
 - * Decision (CE 30/2009/D.2.5) adopted by the Executive Council at its 30th Session (Tunis, 27-29 June 2009),

- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General in this respect,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1. Adopts the Report of the Director General on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization for the Year 2009, as contained in Document (CE 31/2010/2.3).
2. Expresses thanks and appreciation to the Director General for his efforts to intensify contact with the Member States in order to collect maximum contributions, as well as for his efforts to promote cooperation with international organizations in order to support the Organization's activities and programmes.
3. Calls upon the Member States which have not yet paid up their contributions to the Organization and those in arrears to settle their contributions and arrears in the shortest possible time, in order to honour their commitments and enable the Organization to discharge its duties.
4. Invites the Director General to continue coordination and consultation with the Member States with arrears, with a view to collecting these arrears and agreeing on practical mechanisms for the payment thereof, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Conference and the Executive Council.
5. Agrees to submit this report to the forthcoming General Conference with recommendation for endorsement.



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Decision on Item 3.1 of the Agenda:

(Election of the Financial Control Committee)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with:
 - * Articles (12) III, parag (e), and (19), of the Charter,
 - * Article (20), paragraph (e), of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
 - * Article (24) of the Financial Regulations,
- Having considered Document (CE31/2010/3.1) concerning the election of the Financial Control Committee members,
- Considering the expiry of the three-year term of the current Committee which was elected by the 28th Executive Council Session according to Decision (CE 28/2007/D.3.2),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- 1- Elects the following States as Members of the Financial Control Committee for a three-year term:
 - **Republic of Tajikistan**
 - **Kingdom of Morocco**
 - **Islamic Republic of Mauritania**
 - **Federal Republic of Nigeria**
 - **Republic of Yemen**

- 2-** Calls upon the Member States which are members of this Committee to nominate their representatives from among experts and specialists in the field.
- 3-** Invites the Committee to seek the assistance of a technical audit company in order to take stock of the general situation of the Headquarters and include its observations and proposals in the report of the Committee for the following session.



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Decision on Item 3.2 of the Agenda:

**(Endorsing the appointment
of the Deputy Director General)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (12, III), paragraph (K), of the Charter,
- In accordance with the provisions of Article (20), paragraph (K), of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Recalling Decision (CE28/2007/D.3.3) adopted by the Executive Council at its 28th Session,
- Considering the presentation made by the Director General,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,
- Following two rounds of secret ballot,

Decides the following:

- 1 – Elects Dr Mukhtar Ahmed as Deputy Director General of ISESCO as of 1st January 2011, for a three-year term renewable only once.



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Decision on Item 4.1 of the Agenda:

(Date and Venue of the 32nd Executive Council Session)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of Article (9) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, whereby the Council sets, during each one of its sessions, the date and venue of the following session,
- Having considered Document (CE 31/2010/4.1),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- Holds the Executive Council's 32nd session at ISESCO's headquarters in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, in the first week of July 2011.

Decision on the situation in Occupied Palestine

At its 31st session, the Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - ISESCO-, having reviewed the troubling, deteriorating situation in Palestinian territories and taken stock of the forms of siege, oppression, deprivation and aggression endured by the Palestinian people, decides what follows:

- **Unequivocally condemns** the terrorist, aggressive acts committed by the Israeli occupation authorities against the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip;
- **Promptly calls** for lifting the blockade on the Gaza Strip and allowing unimpeded access of humanitarian convoys to Gaza to provide aid to the besieged Palestinian people;
- **Urges** the Member States to provide all forms of support to the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in all Palestinian territories; and **calls** on the international community to promptly act to lift suffering of Palestinian people so that it obtains its national rights, notably the right to establish a fully sovereign Independent Palestinian State with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as capital;
- **Invites** the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) to pursue its endeavours towards filing a lawsuit before international justice against Israeli civilians and militaries responsible for war crimes against the Palestinian cultural property, historical and civilizational sites and Islamic sanctities;
- **Urges** the international community to promptly and effectively protest the building of the Separation Wall in the Palestinian territories, and pressurize Israel into removing that wall, in the light of the relevant resolution by the International Court of Justice;
- **Strongly condemns** the Israeli aggressive policy in the occupied city of Al-Quds, which aims to judaize this holy city, alter its Arab and Islamic character and desecrate its Islamic sanctities through the ongoing excavations in the precincts of Al-Aqsa Mosque.