Under the Patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques
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GENERAL CONFERENCE
11th Session
Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
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Final Report
With the Grace of Allah, the General Conference of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) convened its 11th session in Riyadh, capital of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 17-18 Muharram 1434 A.H, corresponding to 1-2 December 2012, under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia, may Allah protect him, as part of the celebration of ISESCO’s 30th anniversary, with the participation of all Member States, except for the Republic of Suriname, the Somali Republic, the Republic of Kyrgyzstan and the Republic of Lebanon, along with the Syrian Arab Republic whose membership has been suspended. Also in attendance were the representatives of the Islamic, Arab and international organizations, and a host of invited personalities.

1. The opening session was held with the presence of, H.E. Dr Khalid bin Mohamed Al-Anqary, Minister of Higher Education of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on behalf of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, H.E. Dr Abdellatif Abid, Minister of Education of the Tunisian Republic, President of the 10th General Conference of ISESCO, H.E. Dr Boubacar Doukouré, Chairman of ISESCO Executive Council, H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of ISESCO, H.E. Mrs Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO, H.E. Ambassador Samir Bakr Diab, Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), H.E. Dr Ali Bin Abdul Khalek Al-Karni, Director General of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (ABEGS), and a host of personalities and senior officials.

2. The opening session started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, after which H.E. Dr Khalid bin Mohamed Al-Anqary, Minister of Higher Education of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, delivered the address of the host country in which he conveyed to the conferees the greetings of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia, and those of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz, may Allah preserve them, expressing his delight at the convening of this session in the land of the Two Holy Mosques and under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, may Allah preserve him. This, he said, would contribute to the promotion of joint Islamic action effectively undertaken by ISESCO in its fields of competence consisting in education, science and, culture and communication. In the same vein, he underlined the importance of the reference documents placed on the agenda of this session, which would contribute to the development of joint Islamic action in these vital fields in such a way as to advance the process of comprehensive
sustainable development in the Member States over the three coming years. Among these documents, he pointed mainly the Draft Action Plan and Budget for 2013-2015, which is examined during this session, concluding his address by expressing his wishes of good stay for the delegations and beseeching Allah Almighty to crown the efforts being made with success.

3. Afterwards, H.E. Dr Abdellatif Abid, Minister of Education of the Tunisian Republic, President of the 10th General Conference, delivered an address in which he expressed his sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, congratulating him on his recovery and wishing him good health. ISESCO, which is celebrating its 30th Anniversary, received special praise from H.E. Dr Abdellatif Abid on the achievements it has made in its areas of competence consisting in education, science, culture and communication, based on its action plans, programmes and activities, which all converge toward promoting joint Islamic action and achieving comprehensive sustainable development for Muslim peoples. He added that this would certainly help meet the expectations of new generations in our Arab Islamic world which is undergoing profound changes and aspiring for a better future, as confirmed by the draft Action Plan for 2013-2015. On behalf of the Member States, he expressed his endorsement to the 33rd Executive Council’s decision to pay tribute to the Director General of ISESCO, in recognition of his fruitful efforts and in appreciation of his continued endeavours in defence of the civilizational causes of the Muslim Ummah. At the close of his address, he congratulated the Palestinian people on their triumphant victory with the upgrading of their representation at the United Nations to a Non-member Observer State, and expressed his wishes of success for the proceedings of this session.

4. Then, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Director General of ISESCO, addressed the Conference, extending his sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may Allah preserve him, for the patronage he graciously bestowed on this Conference, and for his great generosity towards ISESCO. He then expressed his highest regard and sincerest gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, the Seat Country, for granting his generous care and support to ISESCO, and also for the assistance ISESCO receives from the Moroccan government to accomplish its duties. He also acclaimed their Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses the heads of Member States for their continued support to and complete trust in the Organization which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Besides, he lauded ISESCO’s major civilizational achievements and steady success which have earned it an outstanding status as a successful and credible organization, noting at the same time the critical situation of the Muslim Ummah at this delicate juncture
which requires that the Organization and its Member States show the highest levels of alertness to face all looming dangers. Afterwards, he presented the major items of this session’s agenda on top of which is the adoption of the draft Action Plan and Budget for 2013-2015 which was devised with due consideration of the proposals, insights and ideas put forward by the Member States and Muslim communities outside the Muslim world, as well as of the outcome of surveys and field studies conducted by ISESCO to identify the future requirements and urgent needs of Member States in the Organization’s fields of competence. At the close of his address, ISESCO Director General welcomed the Republic of Uganda’s accession to ISESCO, wishing further development for cooperation between Uganda and ISESCO, and full success for the Conference.

5. Then the attendance listened to the address of H.E. Mrs Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO, in which she expressed her pleasure to participate in the 11th session of the General Conference, commending the special cooperation and partnership relations sustained for nearly three decades now between ISESCO and UNESCO, lauding the achievements made as part of these relations in favour of the Member States in many major sectors of development, and reiterating her resolve to sustain this partnership in such a way as to meet the new urgent aspirations of the different social groups. By the same token, she congratulated the Director General on his recognition as on one of this year’s 500 most influential Muslim personalities in the Islamic world, and expressed her support for ISESCO’s initiative of establishing the Islamic Heritage Committee to enhance protection for common human heritage. In the same vein, she stressed the need to counter all hate-incited campaigns against cultures and beliefs, and called for ensuring increased respect for cultural diversity, providing relevant education to the young generations in this regard in such a way as to consolidate the foundations of a peaceful coexistence of peoples, and prioritizing education in the educational policies of the Member States, with a particular focus on young girls and women, opportunity equalization and education quality assurance, wishing all success for this session of the Conference.

6. The floor was then held by H.E. Dr Boubacar Doukouré, Chairman of ISESCO Executive Council, who began his address by conveying his thanks and those of the Executive Council members to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may Allah preserve him, wishing further progress and prosperity for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He expressed his pride at the achievements made by ISESCO between the 10th and 11th sessions of the Conference, which confirm its status as a successful organization and as a crucial agent of joint Islamic action in ISESCO’s fields of competence. In the same vein, Dr Boubacar Doukouré described the Draft Three-year Action Plan and Budget for
2013-2015 as a well-thought civilizational project tailored to today’s mutations and to the requirements of development in the Islamic world, attributing this success to the colossal efforts being undertaken at all levels by the Director General thanks to his extensive expertise and experience. He concluded his address by wishing every success for the Conference.

7. Further to the relevant decision of the 33rd session of the Executive Council, H.E. Dr Khalid bin Mohamed Al-Anqary, Minister of Higher Education of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, presented ISESCO Gold Wissam, on behalf of the General Conference, to H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, the Director General of ISESCO, in recognition of his outstanding efforts in promoting joint Islamic action in the areas of education, science, culture and communication, as well as of his great achievements made under his wise mandate in favour of the Member States and Muslims outside the Islamic world. This prestigious distinction was also awarded to him in appreciation of his initiatives for the promotion of dialogue among cultures and civilizations at regional and international events, his unstinting support for educational, scientific, cultural and communication institutions in Palestine, particularly in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and his keen interest in protecting their Islamic sanctities and civilizational monuments.

8. In recognition by ISESCO of the efforts of His Highness Prince Hassan Bin Talal, ISESCO Ambassador for Dialogue among Cultures, in promoting intercultural dialogue and joint Islamic cultural action, the Conference paid him tribute by offering him ISESCO Gold Wissam, which was received on his behalf by H.E. Dr Elsadig Elfaqih, Secretary General of the Arab Thought Forum.

9. In recognition by ISESCO of their outstanding intellectual and academic contribution to the promotion of joint Islamic action, the following members of the Executive Council were decorated with ISESCO Gold Medal, namely:

- Dr Abdullah Youssef Al Motawa, member of the Executive Council for the Kingdom of Bahrain;
- Mr Hasanain Fadhil Abaas, member of the Executive Council for the Republic of Iraq;
- H.E. Ambassador Dr Moosa Jaafar Hassan, member of the Executive Council for the Sultanate of Oman;
- Mrs Touriya Majdouline, member of the Executive Council for the Kingdom of Morocco;
- Mr Mouhamadou Youssifou, member of the Executive Council for the Republic of Cameroon;
- Mr Issa Namata, member of the Executive Council for the Republic of Niger;
- H.E. Senator Abdallah Wali, member of the Executive Council for the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

- Dr Haji Junaidi Haji Abd Rahman, member of the Executive Council for the Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam; and

- H.E. Ambassador Mr Berik Aryn, member of the Executive Council for the Republic of Kazakhstan;

10. In recognition of their efforts dedicated to literacy and to redressing misconceptions about Islam and Muslims, ISESCO acknowledgement prizes were awarded to:

- Dhaka Ahsania Mission (ISESCO Literacy Prize for 2012) from the People’s Republic of Bangladesh;

- Dr Nahed Subhi Fora and Dr Talal Mohammed Khalaf from the State of Palestine (ISESCO Literacy Research Prize); and

- Dr Buthaina Ahmed Abulmagd Issa from the Arab Republic of Egypt (ISESCO Prize for Redressing Misconceptions about Islam and Muslims).

11. At the close of the opening session, a group photo was taken of the heads of the delegations participating in the Conference.

12. Then, a procedural session was held in which the draft Agenda and draft Programme of the General Conference were presented and adopted. The General Conference Bureau then was formed as follows:

- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: President
- Kingdom of Bahrain: Vice-President
- Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam: Vice-President
- Republic of Chad: Vice-President
- Tunisian Republic: General Rapporteur

13. Besides, two committees were set up by the Conference: namely, the Programmes Committee, and the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee, with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as Chair and the Tunisian Republic as Rapporteur.

14. Thereafter, H.E. Dr Boubacar Doukouré, Chairman of the Executive Council, presented the Report of the Executive Council on the Council’s Proceedings between the 10th and 11th Sessions of the General Conference, which provides an account of the record of documents and academic and financial reports examined and adopted by the Executive Council during the reported period, which were submitted by the General Directorate between the two sessions of the Conference.

In this connection, the Chairman of the Executive Council lauded the sustained
close cooperation with the General Directorate, valuing the Council members’ efforts in this regard.


15. ISESCO Director General presented his Report on ISESCO’s Activities for the Years 2009-2011, along with the preliminary data on the Organization’s activities in 2012, while highlighting the major achievements made in the areas of education, science, culture and communication for the benefit of Member States and Muslim communities outside the Islamic world. He also underlined the growing scope of cooperation and partnership between ISESCO and similar regional and international organizations and institutions and civil society. Besides, he pointed out to the special attention given during the said period to the issues of dialogue, cultural diversity and to redressing misconceptions about Islam and Muslims as part of the action’s priorities and guidelines defined by the General Conference.

16. After discussions, the Conference adopted the Report of the Director General on ISESCO’s Activities for the Years 2009-2011 (Document GC 11/2012/2.2), by virtue of Resolution (GC 11/2012/R.2.2).

17. The Director General also presented his Report for the Years 2009-2011 on the Programmes and Activities Dedicated to Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine. He also pointed out the exceptional situation and major challenges faced by the Palestinian people under the Israeli occupation, and all its corollary consequences, including besieging, oppression, repression and killing of citizens, as well as destruction of educational institutions, architectural buildings, desecration of Islamic sanctities as a result of the excavations around Al-Aqsa Mosque. He then reviewed the major programmes and activities implemented by ISESCO in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine over the reported three-year period. At the close of his presentation, the Director General expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the invitation extended to him by the President of the Palestinian National Authority, H.E. Mr Mahmoud Abbas, to visit the Palestinian territories, along with his determination to positively respond to this invitation. In the same vein, he congratulated His Excellency on the occasion of Palestine’s admission to the United Nations as a Non-member Observer State.

18. After discussions, the conference adopted the Report of the Director General for the Years 2009-2011 on the Programmes and Activities Dedicated to Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine (Document GC 11/2012/2.3), by virtue of Resolution (GC 11/2012/R.2.3).
The Conference issued a resolution condemning the Israeli repressive and criminal acts against the Palestinian people and their educational, scientific and cultural institutions.

19. The General Conference welcomed the accession of the Republic of Uganda to ISESCO, thanking the Ugandan authorities for this decision which would enhance joint Islamic action and boost cooperation between ISESCO and educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Uganda. He also invited the Ugandan government to appoint Uganda’s focal point for ISESCO, and called on the OIC Member States which have not yet joined ISESCO to do so soon.

20. H.E. Ambassador Samir Bakr Diab, OIC Assistant Secretary General, then delivered the address of OIC Secretary General, H.E. Prof. Dr Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, wherein he commended the growing achievements made by the Organization under its various plans in education, science, culture and communication, which consolidate the OIC Ten-year Programme, in particular, and joint Islamic action, in general. He invited the Member States to do their best to support ISESCO and foster its role as the house of expertise of the Islamic world in its fields of competence, wishing every success for the proceedings of this session.

21. Then the floor was given to Dr Ali Bin Abdul Khalek Al-Karni, the Director General of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States (ABEGS), who started his address by expressing his delight at the convening of the 11th session of the General Conference in the city of Riyadh, under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, may Allah protect him, whom he congratulated on his recovery. By the same token, he commended the outstanding role ISESCO plays in promoting intellectual and cultural issues, lauding the relentless efforts of its Director General thanks to which the Organization has succeeded in expanding the scope of its programmes and projects. He also reiterated ABEG’s eagerness to continue and enhance cooperation with ISESCO, and expressed his wishes of full success for the Conference.

22. Afterwards, Their Excellencies the Heads of Delegation delivered their statements, in which they praised the Organization’s qualitative evolution during the period 2009-2011, together with its outstanding presence in international forums under the wise leadership of H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, thanks to his rewarding efforts and unstinting action in defending the causes of the Muslim Ummah in the areas of education, science, culture and communication, and promoting dialogue among cultures and the alliance of civilizations. They also applauded his keen interest in fostering joint Islamic action through the organization of specialized Islamic ministerial conferences addressing the issues of culture, higher education,
scientific research, childhood, and environment protection. Special praise also went to the Director General’s leading initiatives in countering smear campaigns against Islam and Muslims. In addition, they hailed his devoted efforts to redress such misconceptions, attend to the issues of Muslims outside the Islamic world, and provide them with the necessary educational and cultural tools to preserve their Arab Islamic identity. Moreover, they commended his endeavours to convene several international conferences to counter the phenomena of terrorism and extremism, congratulating him on the tribute paid to him by this session of the General Conference and on previous occasions by several heads of states, heads of government, and international organizations.

23. In their statements, they reviewed the efforts made by their respective governments and organizations in the spheres of education, science, culture and communication, and made several proposals and insights which would serve in developing the Organization’s action and performance. They particularly stressed the need to focus in the implementation of the Three-year Action Plan for 2013-2015 on dedicating more activities and support to the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine, as well as on implementing the inter-directorates major programmes. They also called for placing focus on designing the relevant teaching aids, establishing more ISESCO Chairs, creating Chairs dedicated to the promotion, mainstreaming and anchoring of scientific knowledge based on the fundamental objectives of Islam, and granting acknowledgement and encouragement awards to those who excel in the Organization’s fields of action. The same emphasis was made on the necessity to take further interest in the programmes on teaching Arabic as a foreign language, to give more attention to cultural diversity programmes, and to involve the youth, women and persons with special needs in sustainable development issues. Equally important, they stressed the necessity to further tune the programmes of higher education and scientific research to the needs of society, to concentrate on the teaching of natural sciences, to bring to light the contribution of Muslim scientists to scientific progress and incorporate it in curricula and programmes. They also underlined the need to invigorate the Islamic Heritage Committee to play an active role in safeguarding Islamic cultural heritage in the Member States, and involve the private sector in reinforcing the Organization’s budget.

24. The Conference took note of the statements of the heads of delegation of the Member States’, and Arab and international organizations participating in the Conference, along with the sound insights and important recommendations contained therein, while inviting ISESCO to take them into consideration in the preparation and implementation of programmes, within the limit of the resources available.
25. Then, the Conference accredited the members of the Executive Council (Document GC 11/2012/5.1), by virtue of Resolution (GC 11/2012/R.5.1).

26. The General Conference entrusted the Director General to lead the necessary contact with the Member States concerning the hosting of its 12th session. In the event no request is received in this connection, the Conference will be held at ISESCO Headquarters in mid-2015.
1. Report of the Programmes Committee
Report of the Programmes Committee

The Programmes Committee emanating from the 11th session of ISESCO’s General Conference convened on 1 December 2012 / 17 Muharram 1434 A.H., with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as Chair.

After adopting the Programme of the Committee, H.E. Dr Mukhtar Ahmed, Deputy Director General of ISESCO, presented the Director General's Report for the Years 2007-2009 and Progress Report for the Years 2010-2012 on the Evaluation of the Organization's Action. The report contains conclusive conclusions, both quantitative and qualitative, about the activities and programmes which were implemented in the period from 2007 to 2009. The report also sets out progress on the implementation of activities in the period from 1 January 2010 to September 2012. The Deputy Director General also presented the Draft Three-Year Action Plan for 2013-2015, pointing out to its new elements of form and content which set it apart from previous action plans. He also introduced the Committee to the observations by the members of the 33rd Executive Council regarding the draft action plan for 2013-2015, and the Council’s recommendation to the General Conference to approve the draft plan. During discussions, the Committee made a number of observations and proposals concerning the Draft Three-year Action Plan and Budget for 2013-2015.

- To commend the Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2013-2015 and its content as being responsive for the most part to the needs of the member States as well as regional and international mutations in the Organization’s areas of action, and work toward involving competent parties in preparing it and define its priorities.

- To call for implementing major programmes instead of small, less effective ones.

- To expand the groundwork for the 2013-2015 Three-Year Action Plan to include the “Framework for Technical Vocational Education”, which was adopted by the Shanghai Congress on Technical and vocational education (2012), along with the UN Secretary General’s initiative “Education First”.

- To conduct prospective studies to identify requisites of Education for All beyond 2015.

- To devote necessary activities to protect underwater heritage as part of the Islamic Heritage Committee.

- To call for promoting the role of civil society and non-governmental institutions in supporting governmental institutions in their effort to achieve development.
- To call for increasing focus on programmes geared to youth issues, while
drawing benefit from social networks to promote and entrench knowledge
culture among the youth in consistence with the Islamic values and ethics.

- To grant more attention to programmes dedicated to special need persons to
facilitate their integration into socioeconomic development.

- To focus on programmes seeking to present correct information on Islam and
Muslims, particularly through producing audio-visual media depicting the real
picture of the social and cultural life of Muslims.

- To call for developing a new vision to address campaigns of misconceptions
about Islam, through moving from moral rejection to legal prosecution of the
perpetrators of such acts.

- To enlarge the scope of the concept of Anti-Islamophobia action beyond the
conventional otherness-centred approach as to encompass the indigenous aspect
of the phenomenon.

- To place more attention on issues relating to rapprochement of Islamic schools
of thought, with the view to promote the culture of tolerance and respect for
sectarian diversity in the Muslim world.

- To call for establishing centres to commercialize research outcome, in addition
to research poles to carry out major multidisciplinary scientific projects in the
Member States, through appropriate mechanisms that are relevant to each
country.

- To benefit from the private sector in boosting the financial resources of the
Organization and increase its income.

Then, the Committee adopted the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for
The Committee also adopted the Director General’s Report for the Years 2007-
2009 and Progress Report for the Years 2010-2012 on the Evaluation of the
Organization’s Action (Document GC 11/2012/2.4), by virtue of resolution (GC
11/2012/R.2.4).
2. Report of the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee
The Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee emanating from the 11th session of ISESCO’s General Conference convened on 1 December 2012 / 17 Muharram 1434 A.H., with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as Chair.

After adoption of the Programme of the Committee, the representative of ISESCO’s General Directorate made a presentation on the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for the years 2009-2011, as well as 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 same period. Then, the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee presented the Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the years 2009-2011. Afterwards, the representative of ISESCO’s General Directorate provided the data on harmonizing ISESCO’s Charter and internal regulations with the new appellation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and on the modification of its logo. He also presented the proposals concerning the amendments to ISESCO’s Personnel Regulations and Internal Regulations as well as the situation of ISESCO Regional Offices. Then, the Committee took stock of the relevant decisions taken by the Executive Council.

After discussions, the Committee adopted the following documents, reports and resolutions:


- Slight Amendments to ISESCO’s Personnel Regulations and Internal Regulations (Document GC 11/2012/4.2), as contained in Resolution (GC 11/2012/R.4.2).

- Situation of ISESCO Regional Offices (Document GC 11/2012/4.3), as contained in Resolution (GC 11/2012/R.4.3).

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Resolution on Item 1.1 of the Draft Agenda:
(Examination of Credentials)

The General Conference,
- In accordance with the following:
  * Articles (6), (7) and (10), paragraphs (1) and (5) of the Charter;
  * Articles (1-5) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
  * Articles (1-6) of the Observer Status Regulations;
- Taking into account the recommendation of the Bureau of the 10th General Conference,

Decides the following:

1. Takes note of the credentials of the participants in the 11th Session of the General Conference.
2. Invites the Member States to take into account Article (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference in the composition of their delegations.
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Resolution on Item 1.2 of the Draft Agenda:
(Draft Agenda)

The General Conference,
- In accordance with the following:
  * Article (11) of the Charter;
  * Articles (13- 17) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- Having considered the Draft Agenda of its 11th Session contained in Document (GC11/2012/1.2, Provisional);
- Taking into account Decision (CE 33/2012/D.5.1), adopted by the Executive Council at its 33rd Session, whereby it recommended that the General Conference adopt its Agenda contained in the proposed document; and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:
- Adopts the Agenda of its 11th Session.
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Draft Resolution on Item 1.3 of the Agenda:
(Draft Programme)

The General Conference,
- In accordance with Article (8), paragraph (e), of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- Having considered the Draft Programme contained in Document (GC 11/2012/1.3, Provisional);
- Taking into account Decision (EC 33/2012/D.5.1) adopted by the Executive Council at its 33rd session, whereby the Council recommended that the General Conference adopt its Programme as contained in the proposed document, and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:
- Adopts the Programme of its 11th session.
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Resolution on Item 1.4 of the Agenda:

(Composition of the General Conference Bureau)

The General Conference,

- In accordance with the following:
  * Article (10), paragraph (2), of the Charter;
  * Articles (8) and (9) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;

- Having considered Document (GC 11/2012/1.4) on the composition of the Bureau of the 11th Session of the General Conference;

- Taking into account Resolution (GC 11/2012/R.1.3) whereby it adopted the Programme of the proceedings of the proposed committees;

- Abiding by the principle of geographical distribution; and

- Considering the unanimity of opinions;

Decides the following:

Approves the composition of the Bureau of the 11th General Conference as follows:

President of the Conference: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Vice-Presidents:

- Kingdom of Bahrain
- Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam
- Republic of Chad

General Rapporteur: Tunisian Republic

Chairman of the Programmes’ Committee: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Chairman of the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
The General Conference,
- In accordance with Article (14) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- Having heard the statements of the Heads of delegation of Member States and invited Organizations,

Decides the following:
1. Takes note of the addresses of the heads of delegation of Member States and the Arab, Islamic and international organizations taking part in the Conference, and further takes note of their enlightened visions and important recommendations;
2. Invites ISESCO to take those visions and recommendations as far as possible into consideration in the planning of programmes and activities, keeping in line with the adopted plans and within the limit of available resources.
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Resolution on Item 2.1 of the Agenda:
(Report of the Executive Council on the Council’s Proceedings between the 10th and 11th Sessions of the General Conference)

The General Conference,
- In accordance with Article (14) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- Having considered the Report of the Executive Council on the Council’s Proceedings as contained in Document (GC11/2012/2.1);
- Having heard the presentation made by the Chairman of the Executive Council,

Decides the following:
1- Takes note of the Report of the Executive Council on the Council’s Proceedings as contained in Document (GC11/2012/2.1);

2- Commends the efforts exerted by the Chairman of the Executive Council and by the distinguished Council members to provide sustained support to the Organization and to its Director General, within the framework of implementation of the Three-Year Action Plan for 2010-2012.
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Resolution on Item 2.2 of the Agenda:
(Report of the Director General on ISESCO’s Activities for the Years 2009-2011)

The General Conference,
- In accordance with the following:
  * Article (14) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
  * Article (20), paragraph (a), of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having considered the Report of the Director General on ISESCO’s Activities for the Years 2009-2011 as contained in Document (GC 11/2012/2.2);
- Considering the decisions adopted by the Executive Council at its previous three sessions on the reports submitted thereto, whereby it agreed to submit them to the 11th General Conference and recommended their adoption;
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General in this connection;
- Commending the efforts made by the Director General and his assistants to implement the programmes and activities scheduled under the Three-year Action Plan for the years 2010-2012, and
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1- Adopts the Report of the Director General on ISESCO’s Activities for the Years 2009-2011 as contained in Document (GC11/2012/2.2), taking into consideration the observations of the Conference.

2- Commends the Director General’s initiatives to hold specialized Islamic ministerial conferences, re-affirms the commissioning of ISESCO to hold such conferences in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, welcomes the resolutions and proposals of those conferences and invites the Director General to ensure follow-up to their implementation in coordination and consultation with competent parties.
3- Thanks the Director General for his keenness to ensure the participation of the Organization in sponsoring and organizing regional and international conferences that fall within its fields of competence, in cooperation with similar organizations.

4- Adopts ISESCO’s mechanisms of joint Islamic action, and invites the Director General to further activate those mechanisms so as for them to deliver the functions entrusted to them in the Organization’s fields of action, in coordination with the Member States and national, regional and international institutions.

5- Praises the high level and outstanding quality of the implementation of the Organization’s activities inside and outside the Member States, particularly those related to dialogue among civilizations and cultures and the programmes relative to highlighting the true image of Islam and Muslims.

6- Thanks the Member States, prominent personalities, regional and international organizations and non-governmental bodies for their cooperation with ISESCO in implementing activities and programmes of mutual interest, and invites the Director General to intensify cooperation and coordination with those parties.

7- Welcomes the accession of the Republic of Uganda to ISESCO, and invites the Ugandan official authorities to designate their focal point for ISESCO.
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Resolution on Item 2.3 of the Agenda:
(Report of the Director General for the Years 2009-2011 on the Programmes and Activities Dedicated to Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine)

The General Conference,

- Recalling Resolution (GC10/2009/R.2.2) adopted by the Tenth General Conference concerning ISESCO’s role in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine;

- Having noted, upon consideration of the “Report of the Director General for the Years 2009-2011 on the Programmes and Activities Dedicated to Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine, as contained in document (GC 11/2012/2.3), that the Director General has given due attention to Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine,

- Having taken stock of the exceptional situation being experienced by the Palestinian citizens in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine under the criminal aggressions being perpetrated by the Israeli occupation authorities against the Palestinian people,

- Commending the efforts made by the Director General and his assistants in that respect, and

- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1- Adopts Document (GC11/2012/2.3) concerning the programmes and activities dedicated to Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine, taking into consideration the observations made by the Conference.
2- Condemns Israel’s aggressions and desecration of Islamic sanctities in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, together with the havoc it has wreaked on educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine.

3- Reaffirms that Al-Quds is the capital of the Independent State of Palestine, rejects any attempt to undermine the Palestinian sovereignty over it, and stresses the null and void character of all settlement measures and practices therein by virtue of the resolutions of the international legitimacy and in view of the relevant international instruments, which consider as null and void and at odd with international legitimacy resolutions and international instruments all legislative and administrative arrangements and measures of the Israeli settlements designed to alter the legal, demographic, architectural, historical and civilizational status of the holy city.

4- Invites the Member States to give an overriding priority to Al-Quds Al-Sharif in the educational curricula and in international meetings in defence of its Arab, Islamic civilizational character, to protect its identity and to support its Palestinian national institutions.

5- Reaffirms its previous resolutions regarding the status of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine.

6- Invites the Director General to pursue the implementation of the programmes and activities geared to educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine.
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Resolution on Item 2.4 of the Agenda:


The General Conference,

- Noting, upon consideration of the Director General’s Report for the Years 2007-2009 and Progress Report for the Years 2010-2012 on the Evaluation of the Organization’s Action in Document (GC 11/2012/2.4), that the Director General has implemented the Council’s decisions in the required way, by incorporating within this document the data concerning the external evaluation of programmes and activities implemented under the Action Plan during the years 2007-2009 and 2010-2012,

- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General,

- Commending the efforts being made by the Director General and his assistants in that respect,

- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:


2. Commends the leading qualitative achievements made by the Organization over the reported period, and appreciates the report’s methodology in highlighting the Organization’s efforts and its contribution to the development process in the Member States.

3. Invites the Member States to be more cooperative and interactive with the external evaluation operations conducted by ISESCO within the framework of the implementation of the Action plan’s programmes and activities;

4. Invites the Director General to present a report on the evaluation of ISESCO’s action for the years 2013-2015 to the next session of the General Conference, following the same current methodology.
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Resolution on Item 2.5 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 Years 2009-2011)

The General Conference,

- In accordance with the following:
  * Articles (16) and (19) of the Charter,
  * Articles (19-20) and (24-29) of the Financial Regulations,
  * Article (20) parag (b,e,g) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

- Having considered the Financial Report of the Director General and the Closing Accounts for the years 2009-2011, as contained in document (GC11/2012/2.5),

- Considering the decisions adopted by the Executive Council at its previous three sessions on this report, whereby it approved all its parts, agreed to submit it to the 11th General Conference and recommended adoption thereof,

- Taking into account the presentation made by the General Directorate,

- Commending the efforts being made by the Director General and his assistants in that respect, and

- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:


2- Extends thanks to all the parties and personalities that made donations in support of the Organization.
3- Commends the efforts exerted by the Director General and his assistants to ensure rationalization of expenditure and effective management of the Organization’s financial resources, as well as the administrative and financial measures taken to this effect.

4- Thanks the Audit Company and the Financial Control Committee for their efforts in preparing this report.
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Resolution on Item 2.6 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General on the Member States’ Contributions to the Organization’s Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization for the Years 2009-2011)

The General Conference,
- In accordance with Article (6) of the Financial Regulations,
- Having considered the Financial Report of the Director General on the Member States’ Contributions to the Organization’s Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization for the Years 2009-2011, as contained in document (GC11/2012/2.6),
- Considering the decisions adopted by the Executive Council at its previous three sessions on this report, whereby it approved all its parts, agreed to submit it to the 11th General Conference and recommended adoption thereof,
- Taking into account the presentation made by the General Directorate,
- Commending the efforts being made by the Director General and his assistants in that respect,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1. Approves the Report of the Director General on the Member States’ Contributions to the Organization’s Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization for the Years 2009-2011 as contained in Document (GC 11/2012/2.6), taking into consideration the observations made by the members of the Administrative, Financial and Legal Affairs Committee.
2. Invites the Director General to continue coordination and consultation with the Member States with arrears, through the respective members of the General Conference, the Executive Council and National Commissions, in order to collect those arrears and agree on practical mechanisms for settlement thereof, in line with the relevant resolutions of the Conference and decisions of the Council.

3. Confirms the resolutions and decisions of the previous sessions of the Conference and the Council in this regard.

4. Thanks the Member States having positively responded to the resolution of the General Conference and decision of the Executive Council on the facilitations relating to the settlement of arrears.
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Resolution on Item 3.1 of the Agenda:
(Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2013-2015)

The General Conference,

- In accordance with the following:
  • Article (12- III), paragraph (c), of the Charter;
  • Article (14) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
  • Article (20), paragraph (c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,


- Recalling Decision (EC 33/2012/D.3.1) adopted by the Executive Council at its 33rd session, whereby the Council adopted the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2013-2015, and recommended its adoption by the 11th General Conference,

- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1- Adopts the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2013-2015 as contained in Document (GC 11/2012/3.1), and approves its budget standing at US$ 45,210,498 to ensure its implementation, in such a way as to spare Member States an additional increase in their current contributions, while taking into consideration the observations and proposals of the Executive Council and the General Conference, as well as the Member States’ priorities and needs during the implementation process.

2- Adopts the special programmes, development projects and implementation mechanisms contained in the draft Action Plan, and invites the Director General to channel those programmes and projects into addressing the Member States’ priorities and needs, and to take the necessary measures for activating the implementation mechanisms of the Plan in line with the Organization’s objectives and civilizational mission.

3- Thanks the Executive Council for its efforts to lay down the broad lines for the Draft Three-Year Action Plan and Budget for 2013-2015.
4- Invites the Member States to settle their full contributions under this Plan and invites the Director General to continue his efforts with a view to securing extra-budgetary resources in order to implement the major part of the Action Plan for 2013-2015.

5- Commends the methodology adopted by the General Directorate, which is based on an integrated, innovative and strategic interdisciplinary vision.

6- Thanks to the Director General and his assistants for their outstanding contribution to the preparation of the Draft Action Plan and Budget for 2013-2015.
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Resolution on Item 4.1 of the Agenda:

(Harmonizing ISESCO’s Charter and Internal Regulations with the New Appellation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation)

The General Conference,
- In accordance with Article (12), paragraph (d), of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- Having considered ISESCO’s Charter and Internal Regulations as after harmonizing thereof with new appellation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation contained in Document (GC11/2012/4.1);
- Having heard the explanations made by the Director General of ISESCO in this connection,
- Recalling Decision (EC 33/2012/D.4.1) adopted by the Executive Council at its 33rd Session in this connection,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1- Approves ISESCO’s Charter and Internal Regulations as contained in Document (EC33/2012/4.1 Adopted);

2- Thanks the Director General and his assistants for having prepared this document and for having harmonized and updated ISESCO’s Charter and Internal Regulations in light of the amendments to the regulations of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.
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Resolution on Item 4.2 of the Agenda:
(Slight Amendments to the Personnel Regulation and Internal Regulations)

The General Conference,
- In accordance with Article (12), paragraph (d), of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- Having considered the amendments to the Personnel Regulation and the Internal Regulations contained in Document (GC11/2012/4.2);
- Having heard the explanations made by the Director General of ISESCO in this connection,
- Recalling Decision (EC 33/2012/D.4.2) adopted by the Executive Council at its 33rd Session in this connection,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:
1. Approves the amendments to the Personnel Regulation and the Internal Regulations as contained in Document (EC33/2012/4.2 Adopted);
2. Thanks the Director General and his assistants for having prepared this document.
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Resolution on Item 4.3 of the Agenda:
(Status of ISESCO Regional Offices)

The General Conference,
- In accordance with Article (12), paragraphs (C) and (K), of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,
- Having considered the status of ISESCO Regional Offices contained in Document (GC11/2012/4.3),
- Having heard the explanations made by the Director General of ISESCO in this connection,
- Recalling Decision (EC 33/2012/D.4.3) adopted by the Executive Council at its 33rd session in this connection,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:
1- Approves the Document (GC11/2012/4.3) related to the situation of ISESCO Regional Offices.
2- Mandates the Director General to take necessary legal and administrative measures in this connection, consider opening new regional offices in other regions of the Islamic world, and agree with officials on conditions for opening such offices in those regions.
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Resolution on Item 4.4 of the Agenda:
(Modification of ISESCO’s Logo)

The General Conference,
- In accordance with Article (12), paragraph (k), of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;
- Having considered the draft new logo of ISESCO;
- Recalling Decision (EC 33/2012/D.4.4) adopted by the Executive Council at its 33rd Session in this connection,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1- Approves the draft new logo of ISESCO.
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Resolution on Item 5.1 of the Agenda:
(Accreditation of the Executive Council Members)

The General Conference,
- In accordance with Article (11), paragraph (h), of the Charter;
- Having considered the list of the Organization’s Executive Council members in Document (GC11/2012/5.1);

Decides the following:
1- Accredits the Council members as per Document (GC11/2012/5.1);
2- Invites the Member States to nominate their representatives to the Executive Council in compliance with the provisions of Article (12-I), paragraph (b), of the Charter, and to provide the Director General with the official curriculum vitae of each representative;
3- Invites the Director General to follow up this matter with the Member States and amend this list according to responses from the relevant authorities in the Member States.
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Resolution on Item 5.2 of the Agenda:
(Date and Venue for the 12th General Conference Session)

The General Conference,
- In accordance with Article (6) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,

Decides the following:
- Entrusts the Director General to lead the necessary contact with the Member States concerning the hosting of its 12th session. In the event no request is received in this connection, the Conference will be held at ISESCO Headquarters in mid-2015.
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Resolution on
Paying Tribute to the Director General of ISESCO

The General Conference,
- Having taken note, at its 11th session held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 1-2 December 2012 A.D. / 17-18 Muharram 1434 A.H., of the outstanding and rewarding efforts of the Organization’s Director General, His Excellency Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, together with the important achievements ISESCO has made thanks to his extensive knowledge and experience, his renewal-dedicated endeavors, and his dedication and commitment, either in terms of the implementation of the Organization’s action plans since the Three-year Action Plan for 1992-1994 up to the Three-year Action Plan for 2010-2012, or in terms of asserting its role on the international arena, extending its civilizational outreach, boosting its contribution to the promotion of intercultural dialogue and the alliance of civilizations, and mainstreaming the culture of justice, peace and coexistence among peoples, which together earned him the 47th place among the 500 most influential Islamic personalities in the world;

- In response to the decision of the Executive Council, at its 33rd session (28-29 November 2012 / 14-15 Muharram 1434 A.H.), with regard to paying tribute to the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO); and

- Considering that the 30th Anniversary of ISESCO coincides with the Organization’s steady progress as highlighted by its elevated standing, growing strength of its structure, and increasing scope of its action aimed at achieving sustainable development in the Islamic World and spreading the intrinsic values of the Islamic civilization on a larger global scale.
Decides the following:

1- **Pays tribute** to Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Director General of ISESCO, and decorate him with ISESCO Gold Wissam (the Organization’s most prestigious decoration), in recognition of the services he has rendered to the Organization and his outstandingly successful efforts, and in appreciation of his dedicated work to achieve the objectives of ISESCO, further develop the Organization and upgrade its status.

2- **Commends** the Director General for the efforts he exerted and the responsibilities he took on in raising the status of ISESCO among prominently active organizations in the world.

3- **Calls** on the Member States to continue supporting the Director General and promoting the efforts he is making to achieve the goals of the Organization and accomplish its civilizational mission.
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Resolution on Support to Syrian People

The General Conference,
- Having taken stock at its 11th session held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, of the grave conditions facing educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the Syrian Arab Republic, as a result of the crimes against humanity to which the Syrian people are subjected at the hands of the official authorities, and the appalling atrocities which the Syrian people are enduring due to daily killings in air strikes, rocket attacks and mortar bombings,
- From our obligation of solidarity to the brotherly Syrian people in their increasingly horrendous ordeal, and being aware of our responsibility toward Syrian educational, scientific and cultural institutions, and in concretization of the objectives of the Charter of ISESCO,

Decides the following:

1. **Condemns** the crimes against humanity committed by the Syrian regime against its people, calls for a cessation of the criminal acts which are in violation of the international law and totally inconsistent with the Islamic principles, and declares its solidarity with the Syrian people in their ordeal.

2. **Appeals** to the international community as well as international humanitarian organizations and institutions to immediately intervene to provide necessary aid to Syrian citizens, both in Syria and in neighboring States hosting thousands of Syrian refugees fleeing their homeland.
3. **Urges** the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to fulfill its duty, within its areas of competence, to the Syrian refugees in Turkey, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Iraq and the Republic of Lebanon.

4. **Calls on** the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) to find practical means to get aid, in its areas of competence, to Syrian refugees in host countries.
The General Conference,

- Having, at its 11th session held in Riyadh, capital-city of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, examined the exceptional conditions in the Occupied Palestinian Territories,

- Having taken stock of the challenges faced by the Palestinian people under the Israeli occupation and the ensuing policies of blockade, oppression, repression, deprivation, killing, arrest and the various criminal practices running counter to international laws, as well as the excavations conducted by the Israeli occupation authorities in the precinct of Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the measures taken to judaize occupied al-Quds and obliterate its Islamic civilizational landmarks,

Decides the following:

1. Condemns the Israeli wanton aggression on the Palestinian people in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, demands the international community to exert pressure on Israeli occupation authorities to halt aggression, lift the blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip and stop the construction of settlements in the West Bank, and calls on the Muslim world in particular and the international community in general to extend the necessary support to the families of martyrs and the injured in the Gaza Strip.

2. Congratulates the Palestinian people under the leadership of Mr Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian National Authority, on the outstanding diplomatic victory achieved by accepting the accession of the State of Palestine to the United Nations as a non-Member Observer State.
3. **Reaffirms** its full solidarity with and total support to the Palestinian people, and **endorses** the Palestinian leadership’s efforts with a view to building on the new legal status of the State of Palestine in the United Nations to declare the Palestinian sovereign state with al-Quds al-Sharif as capital.

4. **Invites** the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to pursue its support to educational, scientific and cultural institutions in al-Quds al-Sharif and Palestinian territories with a special focus on similar Palestinian institutions in the Gaza Strip.
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Resolution on  
Establishing Islamic Foundation for Orphan Villages

The General Conference,

- In accordance with Article (2) of the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO),

- Within the framework of the cooperation agreement concluded by ISESCO and King Khalid Foundation,

- In the light of the programmes scheduled under ISESCO three-year action plan for 2013-2015 in the areas of literacy, education for all, anti-poverty action, care for special need persons, and attending to child issues,

- Given that establishing the Islamic Foundation for Orphan Villages will not involve additional financial obligations, beyond ISESCO budget, for the Member States,

Decides the following:

1- Agrees that ISESCO supervise the Islamic Foundation for Orphan Villages proposed by King Khalid Foundation.

2- Calls on the President of the General Conference and the Director General to take necessary technical steps and measures, in coordination with King Khalid Foundation, to obtain the consent by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to give the name “King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Islamic Foundation for Orphan Villages” to the project.