



**Recommendations of the Third Meeting of
the Consultative Council for Implementation of
the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World**

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With generous hosting by the Presidency of Youth Welfare in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and at the invitation of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Consultative Council for implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World held its third meeting under the high patronage of H.R.H. Prince Sultan Ibn Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz, President of Youth Welfare, in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 29-30 Safar 1423 A.H/12-13 May 2002. The meeting was attended by the representatives of the States Members of the Council, namely: Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam, Republic of Chad, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic of Guinea, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Republic of Yemen, and Republic of Tajikistan. The Union of Comoros did not nominate a representative to the Council and was represented at the opening of the meeting by its Ambassador Hamed Krila and the working sessions were attended by the first Secretary of the Embassy Mr. Abu Kacem Abdul Razak.

At the end of its meeting, the Council issued the following recommendations:

- 1- Addressing a message of thanks and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, to H.R.H. the Crown Prince, to H.R.H. the Second Deputy Premier and to H.R.H. the President of Youth Welfare for their unfailing support to joint Islamic action, to the Islamic Organization –ISESCO- and to the promotion of the major cultural and civilizational causes of the Muslim world.
- 2- Urging the Union of Comoros to nominate its representative to the Council.
- 3- Requesting the Member States to supply the Organization with reports on the status of implementation of activities and programmes emanating from the Cultural Strategy, to enable ISESCO to take account of that situation upon elaboration of its Action Plans.
- 4- Urging Member States which have not yet set up national councils and funds to do so without delay.
- 5- Requesting the Member States to supply projects in the working languages of the Organization, within the time limit and in compliance with the adopted Guidelines.
- 6- Appealing to financial institutions and donors in the Islamic world to contribute to the funding of the projects approved by the Council, as part of support to the lofty Islamic civilizational and developmental objectives.
- 7- Stressing the need for integration by the Member States of the objectives of the Strategy into their cultural programmes and policies.

- 8- Praising the initiative taken by ISESVO to open a special account destined to cover expenditures on implementation of the cultural projects of the Strategy.
- 9- Appealing to Member States and Arab Islamic institutions to allocate additional financial resources and set up specific cultural and information programmes to help protect cultural properties and promote the civilizational identity of the Palestinian people in the face of ongoing Israeli aggression.
- 10- Condemning the denigration campaigns waged against Islam, as well as, the aggressive position taken against Muslims and their religious and civilizational sanctities.
- 11- Condemning the devastating war crimes perpetrated by Israel against the Palestinian people and their educational, scientific and cultural institutions.
- 12- Inviting the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to pursue ahead with its efforts to redress the image of Islam and Muslims in biased media, and to promote the message of Islamic cultural action in the West.
- 13- Requesting the Islamic Organization -ISESCO- to work out a cultural programme destined to promote Islamic cultural action in the West, in the light of the novel variables and challenges.
- 14- Inviting the Islamic Organization to award honours, during the Council Sessions, to Islamic countries and Muslim figures who contributed significantly to the joint Islamic action.
- 15- Urging the Islamic Organization to set up its laudable efforts to promote Islamic education and Arabic teaching.
- 16- Commending ISESCO's efforts and praising the action undertaken by its Director General, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, to develop and expand joint Islamic action.
- 17- Requesting the Islamic Organization to implement some of the projects received by the Council within the framework of its Action Plans.