Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers
“Together for Safeguarding Human Heritage and Countering Extremism”
29 November 2018
Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

Resolutions
Resolution on
Agenda

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- Having considered its Draft Agenda as contained in Document (EICCM-2018/ 1.1. Prov.),
- Having considered the recommendation of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Consultative Council for Cultural Development in the Islamic World in this connection,

Decides as follows:

- **Adopts** the Agenda of the Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, as contained in Document (EICCM-2018/ 1.1.Adopted);
Resolution on Programme

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- Having considered its Draft Programme as contained in Document (EICCM-2018/1.2. Prov.),

Decides as follows:

- Adopts the Programme of the Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, as contained in Document (EICCM-2018/ 1.2. Adopted);
Resolution on
the Report of the Consultative Council
for Cultural Development in the Islamic World

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- Having examined the Final Report of Sixteenth Meeting of the Consultative Council for Cultural Development in the Islamic World, as contained in Document (EICCM-2018/ D.R.2.1),
- Having listened to the presentation of the Chairman of the Consultative Council in this regard,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides as follows:

1. **Adopts** the Final Report of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Consultative Council for Cultural Development in the Islamic World;

2. **Thanks** the Chair of the Sixteenth Meeting and the Council members for their efforts in examining the meeting’s documents and submitting them to the Conference;

3. **Thanks** ISESCO Director General and his assistants for their commendable efforts in preparing the respective documents of the Meeting and the Conference and bolstering the efforts of Member States to achieve sustainable cultural development in their countries;

4. **Expresses** heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Kingdom of Bahrain, represented by the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, for hosting the meeting and providing the suitable conditions for its success.
Resolution on

the Action Programme on the Promotion of Islamic and International Support for Safeguarding Civilizational and Cultural Heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif

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- Guided by the contents of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and its objectives and the Islamic Declaration on the Protection of Cultural Heritage in the Islamic World;
- Having examined the Draft Action Programme on the Promotion of Islamic and International Support for Safeguarding Civilizational and Cultural Heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, as contained in Document (EICCM-2018/2.2) and the relevant recommendation of the Consultative Council for Cultural Development in the Islamic World, emanating from its sixteenth session;
- Having listened to the presentation and suggestions of ISESCO Director General in this regard;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides as follows:

1. **Adopts** the Action Programme on the Promotion of Islamic and International Support for Safeguarding Civilizational and Cultural Heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, taking into consideration the Conference's observations.

2. **Calls on** competent authorities in Member States to take practical measures to ensure that national cultural policies and plans include, within the available resources, programmes likely to contribute to implementing this Action Programme, namely the activities dedicated to publicizing the tangible and intangible cultural and civilizational heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, inculcating awareness of this heritage as one of the landmarks of the spiritual history of the entire humanity that needs to be protected and
preserved, and countering the violations, assaults and illegal excavations constantly perpetrated against this heritage by the Israeli occupation with the aim of obliterating and Israelizing (Judaizing) its monuments.

3. **Approves** Al-Quds Al-Sharif as a permanent Capital of Islamic Culture.

4. **Urges** donor and specialized institutions to strengthen joint Islamic action so as to give effect to this Action Programme and implement its projects toward the preservation of the civilizational and cultural heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

5. **Stresses** the need to promote cooperation with the competent authority in the State of Palestine to dedicate more financial and technical support for the restoration of the monuments of Al-Quds Al-Sharif’s heritage and the documentation of its intangible components, organize cultural and art weeks to publicize them, twin the cities celebrated as Islamic culture capitals for 2019 with Al-Quds Al-Sharif so as to reflect the interest of Islamic countries in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and their participation in celebrating the city as the Arab region’s Islamic Culture Capital for 2019, and make this event coincide with the proclamation of 2019 as a Year of Heritage in the Islamic World, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the arson attack against Al Aqsa Mosque.

6. **Calls for** uniting the positions of the Islamic member states of the World Heritage Committee so as to reject all the Israeli attempts and endeavors to Israelize (Judaize) the monuments of the tangible and intangible Islamic and Christian heritage and distort the historical and geographical facts thereon.

7. **Urges** ISESCO’s Islamic World Heritage Committee (IWHC) to enhance its efforts to protect the tangible and intangible cultural heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, coordinate with the competent authority in the State of Palestine to inscribe several heritage sites and aspects of intangible heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif on the Islamic World Heritage List, coordinate with the World Heritage Committee and the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage to inscribe these sites and aspects on the World Heritage List, and counter all draft decisions that aim to Judaize and distort the cultural and civilizational heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

8. **Commends** the efforts of ISESCO’s Committee of Archaeological Experts in Charge of Monitoring the Israeli Excavations in the Vicinity of Al Aqsa Mosque, and **invites** ISESCO to circulate, publish and publicize the outcomes of the Committee’s periodical reports among national and international competent authorities.

9. **Commends** the efforts and achievements of Arab-Islamic institutions and relevant civil society institutions specialized in preserving civilizational and cultural heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif; and **invites** them to bolster their support and intensify their efforts in this field.

10. **Calls for** creating, at ISESCO General Directorate, in coordination with the Palestinian National Commission for Education, Science and Culture and the Ministry of Culture in the State of Palestine, a specialized unit for monitoring field violations and assaults perpetrated by the Israeli occupation against the cultural and civilizational heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

11. **Affirms** the need to prepare a comprehensive bibliographical index of all publications dealing with the different cultural, civilizational and historic fields of Al-Quds Al-Sharif,
in cooperation and coordination with national libraries across the world and translate such an index in the widely spoken languages of the world.

**12. Encourages** capitalization on the expertise, experiences and achievements of Member States and specialized Arab, Islamic and international organizations when implementing the Action Programme’s projects so as to avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts and rationalize expenditure.

**13. To gear** more field activities and programmes to publicizing the cultural heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and highlighting its richness, specificities and role in preserving the Arab-Islamic and Christian identity of the population of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

**14. To dedicate** a gallery for publicizing the cultural and civilizational heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif at the cultural expositions and festivals organized by Member States and regional and international organizations, especially the OIC Festival, so as to highlight the richness and diversity of folk and cultural heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

**15. To earmark** more diverse cultural, artistic and Islamic programmes for young people and children in the Islamic world with a view to publicizing the aspects of cultural and civilizational heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

**16. Thanks** ISESCO Director General and his assistants for preparing the Action Programme; and **invites** him to continue gearing a number of the Organization’s cultural and heritage activities to supporting the competent authorities in the State of Palestine so as to help them implement their plans related to the protection of civilizational and cultural heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
Resolution on
Manama Process for the Activation of Joint Islamic Cultural Action to face Extremism, Sectarianism and Terrorism

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- Guided by the contents of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and its objectives, the Islamic Declaration on Cultural Diversity, the Islamic Declaration on Cultural Rights, and the Action Plan for the Promotion of the Role of Cultural Mediation in the Islamic World,

- Having examined the Draft Manama Process for the Activation of Joint Islamic Cultural Action to face Extremism, Sectarianism and Terrorism, contained in Document (EICCM-2018/2.3) and the relevant recommendation of the Consultative Council for Cultural Development in the Islamic World, emanating from its sixteenth session,

- Having listened to the presentation of ISESCO Director General in this regard,

- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides as follows:

1- **Adopts** the “Manama Process for the Activation of Joint Islamic Cultural Action to face Extremism, Sectarianism and Terrorism”, taking into consideration the Conference’s observations.

2- **Affirms** the importance of being guided by the contents and orientations of the “Manama Process” in the development of national cultural policies, plans and programmes, within the framework of an inclusive approach where the cultural, scientific, intellectual, religious, social, political, economic, human rights, security and media dimensions are fully integrated to face extremism, sectarianism and terrorism, in line with countries’ domestic policies, laws and peculiarities.

3- **Encourages** partnership among the respective ministries of culture and education and youth; religious, and social and economic affairs; human rights and societal security; and media and communication with a view to ensuring the effectiveness of
the activities and programmes geared toward facing extremism, sectarianism and terrorism.

4- **Calls for** preparing adequate training programmes for various parties and leaders concerned with facing extremism, sectarianism and terrorism, in line with the inclusive approach of the Draft Manama Process, and **organizing** training sessions for them to enhance their capacities and skills.

5- **Stresses** the need to hold intensive awareness campaigns among pupils and students, and in penitentiary and correctional institutions through the conventional, electronic and social media to highlight the threats of hate speech, in all its forms, and its ensuing widespread violence, extremism, sectarianism and terrorism; and **stresses** the importance of adhering to the values of Islamic culture that advocate tolerance, coexistence, and rejection of violence, extremism and terrorism.

6- **Urges** competent authorities to make use of the platforms of Da'wa and moderate Fiqh legacy in disseminating common Islamic and human values that call for middle stance, tolerance and respect for cultural and religious diversity.

7- **Calls for** developing partnership with civil society institutions and **providing** them with further support so as to enable them to implement their programmes relevant to fighting extremism, sectarianism and terrorism.

8- **Thanks** ISESCO Director General and his assistants for the preparation of this document and **invites** him to continue activating its contents under the Organization’s action plans, in coordination with the competent authorities in Member States, and as part of cooperation agreements with regional and international organizations and non-Member States.