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## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

## **TWELFTH SESSION**

# Final Report

## **In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful**

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C.E 12/91/Final Report

### **Final Report**

The Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization -ISESCO- held its twelfth session in Rabat, Capital City of the Kingdom of Morocco, from 11 to 17 Jumada I 1412 H (19-25 November, 1991). This session was attended by all members of the Council with the exception of the representative of Malaysia (see Annex 1: List of Executive Council members).

#### **Inaugural Session: Tuesday morning, 11 Jumada I 1412H / 19 November, 1991**

1- The inaugural session was presided over by His Excellency Dr Taëb Chkili, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Moroccan National Commission for Education, Culture and Science in the Kingdom of Morocco. Attending the inaugural session were representatives of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, the members of the Islamic Diplomatic Corps accredited to Rabat, as well as representatives of a number of international and regional organizations and a host of intellectuals.

2- Following the recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an, His Excellency Professor Abdulaziz bin Abdullah bin Sulayman Al-Fadhel, representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Chairman of current session of the Executive Council, delivered an address in which he thanked His Excellency Dr Taëb Chkili, Minister of Education in the Kingdom of Morocco, for opening the proceedings of this session and welcomed Council members and guests.

He also commended ISESCO's achievements, the programmes it implemented and the contacts and relations it established with regional and international organizations. He expressed thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Director General, the distinguished Deputy Directors General and all staff members for the distinct and sustained efforts they expended and which helped ISESCO achieve its objectives and implement its programmes. He indicated that the full success we aspired for depended on ISESCO's Member States rather than on the General Directorate, particularly that many Member States had not yet honoured their comments toward ISESCO.

His Excellency the Minister indicated that ISESCO's positive achievement raised hopes for brighter future prospects. He pointed out the transitional character of this session, commended the efforts made by the honourable Council members within the framework of their duties, and lauded the spirit of constructive cooperation characterizing relations between

the Council and the General Directorate, a fact which made its task easier on several levels. He regretted the decision of H.E. Professor Abdelhadi Boutaleb not to stand for another term of office, commending his invaluable efforts and considerable contribution to the establishment and consolidation of ISESCO (See Annex 2, Address by H.E. the Chairman of the Executive Council).

3- H.E. Dr Taëb Chkili, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Moroccan National Commission for Education, Culture and Science in the Kingdom of Morocco, then delivered the opening address, in which he first welcomed the participating delegations and commended the achievements of ISESCO since its inception. He praised the efforts of ISESCO's Director General and his assistants, who managed to overcome all the obstacles confronting the Organization, thereby securing for the latter a distinguished international status. He pointed out that what held in the context of successive international changes and that the Ummah had to consolidate its position to be able to confront these changes.

His Excellency the Minister stated that the Kingdom of Morocco had decided not to nominate a candidate to the post of Director General to succeed the current Director General in order to enable other Member States to assume this mission on the basis of rotation which is the very foundation of mutual cooperation.

Concluding his statement, His Excellency the Minister reaffirmed the attention paid to ISESCO by the Government of His Majesty Hassan II, King of Morocco, its care for ISESCO's interests, and the continued moral and material support extended to it so as to enable it to fulfill the mission for which it was established (See Annex 3, Address by H.E. the Minister of National Education in the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco).

4- His Excellency Professor Abdelhadi Boutaleb, Director General of ISESCO, then delivered a speech in which he first pointed out the importance of setting up the Islamic Organization as well as the civilizational and cultural role it played in accordance with the guidelines set by Muslim leaders. He recalled some of the obstacles which hindered ISESCO's work, and pointed out the new slackness and lukewarm attitude of some ISESCO founding members towards the Islamic Organization, after they had been very enthusiastic about its inception. He explained that this was due to the duality characterizing the situation of the Islamic world in terms of training, thinking and interests. He indicated that the only way out was through the emergence of a new intellectual revival which would be based on the past, impregnated with the spirit of the present age and committed to the sound training of future generations.

His Excellency the Director General declared that he had decided not to stand for another term of office to avoid setting a precedent that would limit Member States' desire for change and in order to allow for injection new blood. He thanked everyone for their encouragement throughout his term of office.

His Excellency the Director General then indicated that the major axes around which ISESCO's Action Plans had revolved since its establishment were aimed at reviving interest in the notion of the Ummah as a community with a distinctive heritage, special cultural features and an everlasting mission; developing skills and aptitudes at national level in every Member State in the educational, scientific and cultural fields;; providing information on the Islamic world both within and outside it, and asserting the presence of Islam as a civilizational and cultural entity with rights and duties within the international community (See Annex 4, Address by H.E. the Director General).

**First Working Session: Tuesday morning, 11 Jumada I 1412H / 19 November, 1991**

**Item 1.1: Adoption of the Agenda**

**Document C.E12/91/1.1**

5- Upon consideration of the Draft Agenda, it was decided to add the three following items:

- 1- Consideration of the draft amendments to the Charter and internal regulations of the Organization.
- 2- Post of Director General.
- 3- Situation of Al-Qods Al-Sharif under the Israeli occupation and attempts to obliterate its Islamic identity and judaize it.

The Agenda was adopted:

**Doc. C.E12/91/D1.1**

**Decision on Item 1.1  
of the Agenda  
Adoption of the Agenda**

**The Executive Council,**

- Pursuant to Articles 22 though 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Having taken cognizance of the Draft Agenda presented in document C.E12/91/1.1 provisional;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;
- Adopts the Agenda as presented in the amended document C.E12/91/1.1 given in annex.

**Item 1.2: Adoption of the Draft Programme**

**Document C.E12/91/1.2**

After discussing the Draft Programme and adding new items to it, it was adopted by the Council:

**Decision on Item 1.2  
of the Agenda**

**Adoption of the Programme and organization of the Council' proceedings**

**The Executive Council,**

- Recalling its Decision C.E 11/90/D 5.2;
- Having adopted its Agenda presented in document C.E 12/91/1.1 provisional;
- Having taken cognizance of document C.E12/91/1.2 provisional; regarding the organization of the Council's proceedings;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;
- Adopts the Programme and decides to organize its proceedings according to the programme indicated in the amended document C.E12/91/1.2.

**Item 2.1: Report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the Eleventh and Twelfth Sessions.**

6- The Director General gave a brief summary of his report on the Organization's activities between the Eleventh and Twelfth Sessions. He emphasized the fact that the current session was being held at a crucial stage as regards the future of the Organization and pointed out that the situation was characterized by both positive and negative aspects. Among the former, he indicated that 70% of the programmes and activities pertaining to the current Three-Year Action Plan had been implemented notwithstanding the financial difficulties, in addition to the launching of two integrated Action Plans, namely the 1991-1994 Three-Year Action Plan and the first Medium-Term Plan 1991-2000. Similarly, the revision of the Organization's Charter and internal regulations has been completed. That made it possible for the Organization to become an efficient body at international level and thus ensure continuous Islamic presence at world level.

Among the negative aspects, His Excellency the Director General referred to two major ones. The first was the negative impact of the Gulf crisis in international Islamic action. The second was the overlapping that still existed between the constitutional prerogatives of the Organization, on the one hand, and the action undertaken in the Organization's fields of competence by the OIC General Secretariat and some of its subsidiary bodies, on the other.

His Excellency the Director General pointed out the Organization's achievements within the framework of the current Plan, according to the priorities advocated by both the Executive Council and the General Conference and in keeping with the efficient rationalization policy applied by the Organization. He pointed out that priority in the field of education was granted to the major programmes on Islamic education, Arabic language, literacy and adult education, with special emphasis on the activities related to training, writing and publishing in those fields. In the field of science, priority was given to a number of major targets such as development of science teaching, promotion of scientific research, intensification of contacts and enhancement of cooperation among Muslim scientists, in addition to development of trained scientific manpower and popularization of science. In the cultural field, programme implementation revolved around four objectives: enhancement of

Islamic culture civilizational heritage, promotion of Islamic cultural institutions and centres, and protection of the Islamic society from alien cultural invasion and moral deviation.

**Second Working Session: Tuesday afternoon, 11 Jumada I 1412H / 19 November, 1991**

**Item 2.1: Report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the eleventh and Twelfth Council Sessions**

**Document C.E 12/91/2.1**

7- The Council resumed discussion of this item and heard the presentations of the Deputy Directors General: Ambassador Ahmadou Ali Diaw, Deputy Director General for Education, Dr Khairat Mohamed Ibne Rasa, Deputy Director General for Science, and Dr. Abdulaziz Bin Othman Altwaijri, Deputy Director General for Culture and Communication, each in his own field of competence. The following officials also took the floor: Mr. Ali Mounir Alaoui, Director of the Cabinet, in charge of international cooperation and external affairs, Mr. Mohamed Belghazi, in charge of the information Service, and Mr. Al Hassan Souaré, Head of the Islamic Information and Data Bank. In their presentations, they reported on the most important activities and achievements of their respective Sectors and Services during the period between the Eleventh and Twelfth Council sessions, as mentioned in the Report of the Director General in Doc. C.E 12/91/2.1.

8- The distinguished members of the Council then took the floor and made the following observations:

- The report should include, in the future, the budget allocated to each program, together with an expenditure sheet after implementation.
- The report should also include, in the future, an introductory note on the programmes of each Sector, indicating programme implementation rate compared to the sum total of the programmes scheduled.
- The programmes should bear the official titles as adopted by the higher bodies of the Organization.
- The Organization should dispatch drafts of the books intended for publication to the Member States for comments thereon on order to be taken into consideration.
- The Organization should benefit from the experience of similar organizations operating in the same fields of competence, such as ALECSO and ABEGS, particularly in the preparation of textbooks for teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers.
- The Organization should direct training programmes in its action plans in favour of training staff instead of teachers, in order to meet the actual needs of Member States and Islamic communities, particularly that approach is more effective.
- The Organization should exert further efforts in publishing simplified booklets on Islamic rites in its three working languages.

- The report of the General Directorate should include, in the future, detailed lists of the scholarships granted and of the recipients.
- The General Directorate should, in the future, take into consideration the programmes of the previous Action Plan which have not been fully implemented.
- ISESCO should benefit further from the experience of specialized organizations and institutions in implementing its programmes.
- ISESCO should pay particular attention to the Islamic perspective of educational and cultural programmes intended for youth in order to consolidate their faith and entrench their commitment to the Muslim Ummah.
- ISESCO should step up its cooperation with specialized organizations, be they Arab, Islamic or similar international organizations.
- ISESCO should provide Muslim scholars and researchers with the opportunity to benefit from the data available at the Islamic Information and Data Bank (BIDI) at ISESCO's headquarters through subscription and telecommunication.

9- The delegate of Senegal, H.E. Prof. Thiam took the floor to comment on the report of the Director General. He commended the academic and cultural standing of H.E. the Director General and the fundamental role he played in the development of the Islamic Organization. He paid a special tribute to the outstanding personality of His Excellency the Director General as a leading Muslim thinker and an influential Muslim figure on the international scene. He also expressed satisfaction at the progress made by ISESCO under the leadership of Professor Abdelhadi Boutaleb and regretted the decision of His Excellency the Director General not to seek another term of office.

His Excellency the Director General made a moving reply in which he expressed warm thanks and said that the situation required to go beyond transient persons and rise to the level of lasting values and principles which should be given utmost care. He then described the progress made by ISESCO under his leadership in terms of achievements about which he said that although they fell short of legitimate aspirations to reach loftier heights, they nevertheless represented the collective efforts of ISESCO through a homogeneous work team that made unstinted contributions.

### **Third Working Session: Wednesday morning, 12 Jumada I 1412H / 20 November, 1991**

#### **Item 2.1: Report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the eleventh and Twelfth Council Sessions**

##### **Document C.E 12/91/2.1**

10- The Council resumed discussion of this item and heard the clarifications provided by the Deputy Directors General and the officials in charge of the Organization's various Services in the light of the comments and questions raised by Council members with regard to the quantity and quality of the programmes implemented by the three Sectors as indicated in the presentations made during the precious working session.

The Organization's officials stated that the Gulf crisis, which brought about a drop in the financial resources which stood at a mere 14% for financial year 1990-1991, was the main reason behind the failure to implement some programmes in full or in part.

The Council then decided to adopt the Director General's report, taking into account the comments made by Council members:

**Doc. C.E12/91/D.2.1**

**Decision on Item 2.1  
of the Agenda**

**Report of the Director General on the Organization's activities  
between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Council**

**The Executive Council,**

- Recalling the provisions of Article 20, paragraph (d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
  - Having taken cognizance of document C.E12/91/2.1: Report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Council;
  - Considering the deliberations which have taken place;
- 1- Adopts the Director General's report on the Organization's activities between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> sessions of the executive Council included in document CE 12/91/2.1, taking into account the observations made by Council members;
  - 2- Thanks him for his efforts in asserting the Organization's role in its fields of competence and his commitment and that of his assistants to the implementation of its programmes, despite disturbing financial difficulties;
  - 3- Encourages him to pursue implementation of programmes in the light of the resources received by the Organization;
  - 4- Requests the Director General to submit the report to the General Conference and recommends its adoption by the General Conference.

**Item 2.2: Director General's Financial Report and Closing Accounts for financial Year 1990-1991**

**Item 2.3: Reports of the Financial Control Committee and of the Audit Company for Financial Year 1990-1991.**

**Document C.E 12/91/2.3**

11- Mr. Az-El-Arab Kettani, Head of the Administrative and Financial Affairs Service, presented a brief summary of the Financial Report and Closing Accounts for financial year



1990-1991. in this presentation, he indicated the figures concerning the overall income and expenditures for the said financial year and made the following remarks:

- Overall income consisting of the contributions received for financial year 1990-1991 stood at US\$ 2,404,004.65, broken down as follows:

\* US\$ 1,395,293.50 for financial year 1990-1991, representing 14.18% of the budget. The remaining sum represents part of the arrears for previous financial years.

Funds raised in addition to Member states' contributions were as follows:

\* US\$ 47,000 in the form of special allocations donated by the State of Qatar to cover the costs incurred for the assignment of two professors within the framework of the Programme of Teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers as well as by the contributions of member-universities in the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World.

\* US\$ 602,410.52 accruing from bank proceeds and other earnings.

\* Expenditure amounted to US\$ 4,113,300.42, 72% of which were earmarked for programme implementation while the remaining 28% covered operating expenses, equipment costs and staff salaries.

\* The contributions received for financial year 1990-1991 dropped by 44.99% against those of the preceding year 1989-1991.

Only six Member States settled their contributions for financial year 1990-1991: the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the State of Bahrain, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Senegal, the Kingdom of Morocco and the Arab Republic of Egypt, (some other States settled their contributions later, in part or in full, namely the United Arab Emirates, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Republic of the Gambia, the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia and the Republic of Yemen).

- The total amount of contributions received by the Organization under the Three-Year Action Plan stood at 6,257,39616, or 22% of the overall budget adopted for that period, to which were added the arrears settled during that same period. Thus the total income received from contributions amounted to US\$ 11,537,106.49.

- Expenditure under the Three-Year Action Plan stood at US\$ 12,440,305.29.

- 74% of this amount was spent on programme implementation during the period covered by the Three-Year Plan, while the remaining 26% went to other budget headings.

- As a result of its rational spending policy, the Organization managed to maintain its Reserve Fund and to make only partial use of its financial proceeds from the previous year to cover some expenses estimated at 30% of total spending.

**12-** Mrs. Aïssatou N'Diaye, Chairperson of the Financial Control Committee, summed up the Report of the Financial Control Committee and that of the Audit Company (Document CE 12/91/2.3). as regards accounts, Committee members proposed that accounting operations should be kept in US dollars rather than in Moroccan dirhams, particularly that the most important operations of Organization are expressed in US dollars. This would preclude considerable exchange losses. She praised the General Directorate for investing part of the

revenues of the Organization for financial year 1990-1991. she also recommended that the budget be drawn up in the light of the actual receipts of the Organization. As regards expenditure, Mrs. Aïssatou N'Diaye indicated that staff expenditures rose by 28% owing to the fact that all staff members had received an overall 10% salary increase and in view of the appointment of 9 new experts and specialists. Expenditure incurred for the implementation of programmes represented 70% of the Organization's budget for financial year 1990-1991, that is to say an 8% drop compared to the previous year. This was due to a shortfall in receipts from Member States. She called for a mechanism that would determine priorities for the implementation of programmes, in the light of the revenues of the Organization and the need. As regards operating costs, the Chairperson of the Committee commended the computerization of the Organization's daily accounting, and recommended the establishment of an Accounting Service and turning the Administrative and Financial Affairs Service into a Directorate to improve accounting operations. She also wondered about the latest developments as regards the Headquarters Agreement, which had not yet been published in the Moroccan official gazette.

**13-** Mr. Farouk Tawfik Ibrahim, Rapporteur of the Financial Control Committee, made a presentation, highlighting the observations made by the Committee on the implementation of the overall receipts of the Organization during that period had amounted to 42% of budget estimates, but still fell short of the required level, although they were higher than the receipts of the Organization for the previous three-year period 1985-1988, which had not exceeded 33%. He praised the General Directorate for the measures it had taken to benefit from available funds by depositing them in deposit bank accounts, in addition to the increase in the resources of the End-of-Service Allowance Fund by 131%. He then informed the Council of the amounts spent on programmes during the Organization's 1988-1991 Action Plan, distributed as follows:

- 42% for the Education Sector, with a total of 37 programmes,
- 35% for the Science Sector, with a total of 18 programmes,
- 40% for the Culture Sector, with a total of 24 programmes.

**14-** Council members sought clarifications and made the following observations:

- to take into consideration the observations and recommendations contained in the reports of the Financial Control Committee and the Audit Company (Doc. CE 12/91/2.3);
- to turn the Administrative and Financial Affairs Service into a Directorate;
- to implement some of the Organization's programmes in local currency in some Member states which could not settle their contributions in hard currency;
- to follow up the measures taken to sign the Headquarters Agreement and publish it in the official gazette.

The Director General and his assistants then gave the necessary clarifications to the observations and queries raised.

**15-** The Executive Council then adopted the Financial Report and Closing Accounts for financial year 1990-1991, as presented in Document CE12/91/2.2, as well as the reports of the Financial Control committee and Audit Company for financial year 1990-1991, as presented

in Document CE12/91/2.3, provided that the recommendation concerning the turning of the Administrative and Financial Affairs Service into a Directorate be submitted for consideration to the Committee in charge of the Organizational Chart:

**Doc. C.E12/91/D.2.2**

**Decision on Item 2.2  
of the Agenda**

**Director General's Financial Report  
and Closing Accounts for financial Year 1990-1991**

**The Executive Council,**

- Pursuant to the provisions of:
  - Articles 18 and 19 of the Charter,
  - Articles 18 and 19 of the Financial Regulations,
  - Articles 20, paragraph (e) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Having taken cognizance of the Director General's Financial Report and the Closing Accounts for financial year 1990-1991;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;
  - 1- Endorses the said report and invites the Director General to submit it to General Conference taking into consideration the Council's observations;
  - 2- Recommends that the General Conference adopt it.

**Doc. C.E12/91/D.2.3**

**Decision on Item 2.3  
of the Agenda**

**Report of the Financial Control Committee  
and of the Audit Company**

**The Executive Council,**

- Pursuant to the provisions of:
  - Articles 19 of the Charter,
  - Articles 20, 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the Financial Regulations,
  - Articles 20, paragraph (b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;

- Having taken cognizance of document CE12/91/2.3 on the Reports of the Financial Control Committee and of the Audit Company;
- Having heard the explanations provided by the Financial Control Committee;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

**1-** Adopts the report of the Financial Control Committee and the recommendations contained in it with the exception of the proposals related to the Organizational Chart, which are to be submitted to the Committee in charge of the Organizational Chart for consideration, as well as the report of the Audit Company, and invites the Director General to submit the two reports to the General Conference and recommends that the General Conference adopt them;

**2-** Expresses concern over the failure and delay of many Member States to honour their obligations towards the Organization;

**3-** Thanks the Financial Control Committee for the efforts made to prepare the report.

**Fourth Working Session: Wednesday afternoon, 12 Jumada I 1412H / 20 November, 1991**

**Item 2.4: Report of the Director General on the situation of Member States' contributions to the Organization's budget and on redressing the Organization's financial situation.**

**Document C.E 12/91/2.4**

**16-** The Council, having considered this item and heard the explanations provided by the Director General and his assistants on issues raised by Council members, especially as regards the most effective means likely to enable Member States to settle their arrears or their contributions to the Organization's budget, in particular the proposal aimed at enabling Member States which lacked the means to settle their arrears in hard currency, to do so in local currency, by means of implementing some programmes in the said countries, the Council requested the Director General to consider possible solutions in this connection and to submit them for consideration to the following session of the Council. The Council then adopted the report of the Director General on the situation of Member States' contribution, as presented in Document CE12/91/2.4:

**Decision on Item 2.4  
of the Agenda**

**Report of the Director General  
on Member States' contributions to the Organization's  
budget and on redressing the Organization's financial situation**

**The Executive Council,**

- Pursuant to Articles 6 of the Financial Regulations;
- Having taken cognizance of document CE12/91/2.4 on the Report of the Director General on Member States' contributions to the Organization's budget;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

**1-** Adopts the report included in document CE 12/91/2.4 and invites the Director General to submit it to the General Conference;

**2-** Expresses concern over the future of the Organization which is threatened by some Member States' procrastination or failure to settle their contributions;

**3-** Requests the General Conference to take effective measures to redress the situation in a way which would truly reflect Islamic solidarity to which Member States committed themselves upon signing the Organization's Charter;

**4-** Requests the Director General to take all necessary initiatives to secure extra-budgetary financial resources and ensure the payment of outstanding contributions;

**5-** Requests the Director General to undertake a study on the ways and means likely to ensure settlement of the question of arrears and on the method to be used to this effect. The said study is to be submitted to the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council.

**Item 5.6.1: Storming by the Israeli occupation forces of the Shar'ia Court in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.**

**17-** Having taken cognizance of the news about the stealing of the documents deposited with the Shar'ia Court of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, the Council decided to issue a Communiqué in this grave Israeli aggression, in which it condemned the judaization and destruction of Islamic landmarks in Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and appealed to the international community to take the measures needed to protect the Palestinian people. It also extended a special appeal to His Majesty King Hassan II, Chairman of Al-Quds Committee, requesting His Majesty to continue his commendable endeavours to address this issue:

**Communiqué of the Executive Council  
of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**

The Executive Council has closely followed the news published by international press agencies about the storming of the Shar'ia Court in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, capital of the occupied State of Palestine by the occupation authorities, and the breaking into its premises and stealing of the historical records deposited with the Court, concerning the properties of the Islamic Waqf and transactions as regards buildings, real estate and lands, the aim being to obliterate the identify of their original owners.

This Israeli aggression against one of the symbols of the Islamic identity of Al-Quds Al-Sharif seeks primarily to submit Al-Quds to judaization as a first step towards confiscating further Palestinian lands with a view to constructing settlements.

The Executive Council therefore appeals on behalf of the entire Islamic Ummah, represented by the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to the United Nations to fully bear its responsibilities in safeguarding the Palestinian properties, real estate and lands against aggression and ensuring their safety, through taking th security measures needed to protect the Palestinians people, their scientific, educational and judiciary institutions as well as their places of worship.

The Council commends the endeavours of His Majesty King Hassan II, Chairman of Al-Quds Committee, with the American Administration in this connection, and appeals to His Majesty to pursue his endeavours with other parties with a view to compelling Israel to restore the stolen historical records to the Shar'ia Court in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

The Executive Council calls the attention of the international community to this odious event and requests all international organizations and bodies as well as humanitarian institutions to bring pressure to bear on the occupation authorities to restore the stolen Palestinian documents to the Shar'ia Court in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, in order to safeguard the Islamic character of this holy city.

The Executive Council calls on the international community to organize a world campaign aimed at calling to account the Israeli officials who carried out this nefarious deed, to penalize this criminal aggression, as well as render justice and protect the Palestinian people who were greatly harmed by this dreadful tragedy.

**Item 2.5: Assessment of the Organization's work**

**Document CE12/91/2.5**

**18-** Having taken cognizance of the report of the Director General on the assessment of the Organization's work, and having heard the clarifications provided by the General directorate on the matter, in particular the definition of the concepts needed for the evaluation process, or the setting up of the appropriate mechanism for internal and external evaluation, the Council decided to invite the Director General to submit this report to the fourth General Conference so that it may rule thereon in the light of the Director General's proposals:

**Decision on Item 2.5  
of the Agenda**

**Evaluation of the Organization's action**

**The Executive Council,**

- Pursuant to operative paragraph (4) of the Council's Decision CE11/90/D 2.1 on evaluation of the Organization's action, which was adopted at the 11<sup>th</sup> Council session,
- Having taken cognizance of the document presented by the General Directorate in the respect (document C.E12/91/2.5),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place.

1. Thanks the Director General for his efforts in evaluating the Organization's action, and requests him to refer document CE 12/91/2.5 to the General Conference for action in the light of the Director General's proposals;

2. Requests the Director General to undertake this internal and external evaluation on a permanent basis and report on it periodically to the Council session immediately preceding the regular session of the General Conference in order to evaluate the previous Plan; also requests him to reduce the ensuing expenditures as much as possible.

**Fifth Working Session: Thursday morning, 13 Jumada I 1412H / 21 November, 1991**

**Item 3.1: Draft Medium-Term Plan 1991-2000.**

**Document C.E 12/91/3.1**

19- After the Council had taken cognizance of the Draft Medium-Term Plan 1991-2000 and the amendments thereon that were introduced in the light of the observations and proposals of the Council at its previous session, a discussion of the Plan ensued, and new observations were made on the following points:

- To change the title of the document and view the project as a general theoretical framework for the Plan and a philosophy for a prospective study of the educational, scientific and cultural future of the Muslim Ummah.
- To rearrange the document by inserting the main programmes in the proper sections allotted to them.
- To stress the importance of eradicating illiteracy and educating the Muslim child.
- To emphasize the importance of agriculture education.

- To pay special attention to technological education and draw up an implementation plan for that purpose as regards intermediate and secondary education, and stress as well as the inclusion of modern technical skills with respect to vocational training and technical education.
- To confront the Zionist challenge in its war against Islam and its judaization of Al-Quds Al-Sharif because it is a civilizational conflict between the Muslim Ummah and world Zionism.
- To refer to the Draft Cultural Strategy in the Draft Medium-Term Plan.
- To lay emphasis on supporting and developing Qur'anic schools.

A number of Council members commended the Draft Medium-Term Plan and described it as "an excellent, comprehensive and integrated piece of work". The Council adopted the Plan as presented in Document CE 12/91/3.1 taking due account of the observations it made on it:

**Doc. C.E12/91/D.3.1**

**Decision on Item 3.1  
of the Agenda**

**Draft Medium-Term Plan 1991-2000**

**The Executive Council,**

- Pursuant to Article 20, paragraph (h) of the Rules and Procedures of the Executive Council;
- Having taken cognizance of document C.E12/91/3.1 on the Organization's Draft Medium-Term Plan 1991-2000;
- Recalling Decision CE 11/90/D.4.1 which the Council adopted during its 11<sup>th</sup> session with respect to the draft Plan presented by the Director General;
- Considering that the amendments and comments made by the Council and the members of the Committee set up by the Council during its 11<sup>th</sup> session were introduced into the final draft Plan which was presented by the Director General to the 12<sup>th</sup> Council session;

**1-** Thanks the Director General for his efforts in preparing the final draft Plan on the basis of proposals made by the Council and the Committee it set up;

**2-** Thanks the members of the Committee set up by the Council for the efforts they made to enrich the draft Plan;

**3-** Approves the Organization's Draft Medium-Term Plan 1991-2000 presented in document CE 12/91/3.1;

**4-** Recommends that the General Conference adopt this Plan.



### **Item 3.2: Draft Action Plan and Budget for 1991-1994.**

#### **Document C.E 12/91/3.2**

**20-** The Council started discussing the Draft Action Plan and Budget for 1991-1994 as submitted by the Director General in the above-mentioned document, including the amendments and proposals introduced by the Council in its previous session. During the discussion, two main opinions were expressed with respect to the financial aspect of the draft action plan. The first opinion held that the budget should not be drawn up on the basis of resources expected from Member States but on the basis of actual receipts. The other opinion held that the budget should be drawn up on the basis of Member States' obligations towards ISESCO in accordance with its statutory regulations.

After discussion, the Council agreed on the following course: to draw up the budget on the basis of Member States' obligations on the one hand, and to determine the priority of programmes at the time of their implementation so as to face possible shortage of resources, on the other hand, while recommending to the Director General to pursue his efforts to seek extra-budgetary resources.

The Council adopted the Draft Action Plan and Budget for 1991-1994 as set out in Document CE 12/91/3.2 and unanimously approved the budget for it, amounting to US\$ 34,460,813, which equals the amount of the previous budget plus 7% a year to cover inflation:

**Doc. C.E12/91/D.3.2**

#### **Decision on Item 3.2 of the Agenda**

#### **Draft Action Plan and Budget for 1991-1994**

#### **The Executive Council,**

- Pursuant to Article 7 of the Financial Regulations and Article 20, paragraph (h) and (i) of the Rules and Procedures of the Executive Council;
- Pursuant to Decision CE11/90/D 4.2 adopted by the Council at its 11<sup>th</sup> session in which it invited the Director General to submit the final draft Plan to the 12<sup>th</sup> Council session after amending it in the light of the views of Member States and Council members;
- Having taken cognizance of document C.E12/91/3.2 introducing the Organization's final Draft Action Plan and Budget for 1991-1994;
- Considering that the final Draft Plan includes the proposals and amendments made by the Council at its 11<sup>th</sup> session, and considering the Council's observations at the 12<sup>th</sup> session ;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place.

1- Thanks the Director General for presenting the Organization's final draft Action Plan and Budget for 1991-1994;

2- Adopts the Plan as presented in document CE 12/91/3.2;

3- Approves the adopted budget of US\$ 34,460,813 (which is equal to the previous Plan's Budget with a 7% annual increase to make up for inflation);

4- Requests the Director General, when implementing programmes, to reaffirm priorities, and encourage him to continue seeking extra-budgetary financing;

5- Recommends that the fourth General Conference adopt this Plan the related budget as presented.

**Sixth Working Session: Thursday afternoon, 13 Jumada I 1412H / 21 November, 1991**

**Item 5.4: Draft amendments to the Charter and international regulations of the Organization.**

**Document C.G 4/91/5.1**

21- His Excellency Dr. Munthir Wassif Al-Masri, Chairman of the Committee entrusted by the third General Conference with the task of preparing proposals to amend the Charter and internal regulations of the Organization, gave a brief account of the activities of this Committee in which he recalled the names of its members, i.e. the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the State of Kuwait, the Republic of Bangladesh, the Arab Republic of Mali, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Niger, the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. He reported on the proposals discussed at the meetings held for the purpose of amending the Organization's texts, namely the Charter, the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, the Rules of Procedures of the Executive Council, the Financial Regulations, the Organizational Chart, the Personnel Regulations and the Observer status Regulations.

His Excellency the Committee Chairman informed the Council that the General Directorate had received proposals from some Member States concerning the report of the Committee that dealt only with the Charter of the Organization, to the exclusion of all other regulations.

One Council member indicated that draft amendments should be made available to Member States six months prior to the General Conference. As draft amendments were submitted, this time, only three and a half months before the General conference, it was deemed advisable to wait for further comments from Member States. However, should it prove to be necessary to introduce amendments on a priority basis, consent should be obtained through circulation of the proposed amendments.

After lengthy deliberations regarding the legal aspects of the subject, the Council reached the following conclusion:

- To request the Director General to submit the report of the Committee commissioned by the General Conference, together with the observations of Member States thereon, to the General Conference for appropriate action.

- To set apart the report of the Organizational Chart Committee set up by the Executive Council from the report of the Committee set up by the third General Conference to review the Charter and internal regulations of the Organization presented in Document CG 4/91/5.1:

**Doc. C.E12/91/D.5.4**

**Decision on Item 5.4  
of the Agenda**

**Consideration of the report of the Committee set up by the third General Conference to review the Organization's Charter and internal regulations**

**The Executive Council,**

- Pursuant to Article 20, paragraph (i) of the Rules and Procedures of the Executive Council;

- Having taken cognizance of document C.G4/91/5.1 introducing the report of the Committee set up by the third General Conference to review the Charter and internal regulations;

- Having heard the clarifications of His Excellency the Chairman of the said Committee;

- Taking into consideration Council's deliberations;

**1-** Thanks the Director General and his assistants for their efforts in contributing to the success of the Committee's activities;

**2-** Thanks the Chairman and the members of the Committee for the efforts they made to prepare the report;

**3-** Requests the Director General to submit the Committee's report, together with the observations of some Member States thereon, to the General Conference for action.

**Item 5.7: Report of the Committee entrusted with considering the Organizational Chart of the General Directorate of ISESCO.**

**Document C.G 4/91/5.1**

**22-** With regard to the Committee entrusted with considering the Organizational Chart of the General Directorate of the Organization, and in the light of the clarifications provided by His Excellency Professor Iba Der Thiam, Chairman of the Committee, the Council requested the Committee to pursue its work in order to complete the study it had undertaken and submit its conclusions to the Council at its Thirteenth Session:

**Doc. C.E12/91/D.5.7**

**Decision on Item 5.7  
of the Agenda**

**Organizational Chart of the General Directorate**

**The Executive Council,**

- Having taken cognizance of document C.G4/91/5.4 which contains the report of the Committee set up by the Third General Conference to review the Charter and internal regulations of the Organization;

- Taking due account of the fact that the Organizational Chart Committee set up by the Ninth Executive Council session has not yet completed its task;

**1-** Thanks the Director General and his assistants for facilitating the work of the Organizational Chart Committee;

**2-** Thanks the Committee and requests it to pursue its work concerning the Organizational Chart and submit its conclusions to the Thirteenth Session of the Executive Council.

**Item 5.5 Post of Director General**

**Document C.G 4/91/5.1**

**23-** The Director General informed the Council that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia intended to nominate a Saudi candidate for the post of Director General. The Council welcomed this auspicious initiative, in view of the standing of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the Islamic World and its effective role in joint Islamic action:

**Decision on Item 5.5  
of the Agenda**

**Post of Director General**

- The Director General informed the Council of the intention of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to nominate, at the General Conference, a Saudi candidate to the post of Director General.

- The Council welcomes this auspicious initiative in view of standing of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the Islamic World and its effective role in joint Islamic action.

**Seventh Working Session: Friday morning, 14 Jumada I 1412H / 22 November, 1991**

**Item 5.4: Draft Cultural Strategy of the Islamic World**

**Document C.E 12/91/3.3**

**24-** Dr. Abdulaziz bin Othman Altwaijri, Deputy Director General for Culture and Communication, briefly outlined the various stages for the preparation of the Draft Cultural strategy, recalling the recommendation of the second session of the standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (Dakar, 1985), which entrusted ISESCO with drawing up an educational and cultural strategy for the Islamic world.

He also informed the Council of the various meetings of the Committee set up by the Islamic Organization which was composed of a number of Islamic scholars and experts, the meetings held by the Islamic Organization in cooperation with the OIC General Secretariat to coordinate Islamic action in this respect, until the draft Cultural Strategy of the Islamic World was finalized and submitted to the fourth session of the Standing Committee for information and Cultural Affairs, held in Dakar, in October 1991, which adopted it and recommended that it be submitted to the Sixth Islamic Summit.

During the discussions, the Council made the following observations:

- The sources of Islamic culture should be extensively detailed.
- The Islamic culture of women and children should be enhanced.
- Emphasis should be laid on bringing out the pluralistic character of Islamic culture.
- Emphasis should be laid on the role of African and Asian cultures in the enrichment of Islamic culture.

- A prospective studies unit should be set up at the Islamic Organization to counter strategies directed against the cultural identity of the Islamic world.

- Cooperation with organizations specializing in prospective studies in Member States should be enhanced.

The Council approved the draft Cultural Strategy of the Islamic World as presented in Document CE 12/91/3.3 taking into account the observations of the government Committee set up by the first Islamic Conference of Ministers of Culture (Jeddah, 15 and 16 October, 1991), as well as those of the Council on the subject:

**Doc. C.E12/91/D.3.3**

**Decision on Item 3.3  
of the Agenda**

**Draft Cultural Strategy of the Islamic World**

**The Executive Council,**

- Pursuant to the Resolution issued by the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural affairs at its Dakar meeting in 1985, whereby it entrusted ISESCO with the preparation of a cultural and educational strategy for the Islamic world;

- Taking into consideration the fact that the preparation of this strategy was undertaken within the framework of implementing two related programmes, the first entitled "Towards an Islamic Cultural Strategy" included under the Three-Year Action Plan 1985-1988 and the second "Elaboration of an Islamic Cultural Strategy" included under the Three-Year Action Plan 1988-1991;

- Having taken cognizance of document C.E12/91/3.3 presenting the Draft Cultural Strategy of the Islamic World;

- Also taking into consideration the fact that the Draft Cultural strategy of the Islamic World (document CE 12/91/3.3) was prepared by a broad-based Experts Committee set up by the Islamic Organization, ISESCO, and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in accordance with an agreement signed by the two Organizations;

- Having taken cognizance of the observations made by the government Experts Committee during its second meeting, held in Jeddah on 15 and 16 October 1991, observations which were included in the document;

- Having also taken cognizance of the adoption of the document by the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs during its fourth session held from 31 October to 2 November 1991;

- Considering the observations formulated by the Council;

- Taking into consideration the deliberations which have taken place;

1- Thanks the Director General and his assistants for the efforts expended in the preparation of the Draft Cultural Strategy of the Islamic World;

2- Approves the Draft Cultural Strategy of the Islamic World as presented in document CE 12/91/3.3 amended, taking into account the observations made by the Executive Council;

3- Recommends that the General Conference adopts the project as a cultural strategy for the Islamic world.

**Item 4.1: Implementation Mechanisms of the Special Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training for All in Islamic Countries and Communities**

**Document C.E 12/91/4.1**

25- The Council heard a brief account given by Dr. Ali Al-Kasimi, Director of Education at ISESCO, in which he reported on the various preparatory stages of the document and laid emphasis on the amendments proposed by the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council which had been included in the said document. The observations made by Council members stressed the importance of assessing the training sessions held within the framework of the programme. Emphasis was also laid on functional training and on writing books and guides in the light of the needs of trainees.

Subsequently, the Council adopted the Implementation Mechanisms of the Special Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training for All in Islamic Countries and Communities, presented in Document CE 12/91/4.1:

**Doc. C.E12/91/D.4.1**

**Decision on Item 4.1  
of the Agenda**

**Implementation Mechanisms of the Special Islamic Programme  
for Literacy and Basic Training for All in Islamic  
Countries and Communities**

**The Executive Council,**

- Pursuant to Resolution CGEII/90/RPIS issued at the second extraordinary session of the General Conference;

- Pursuant to Decision CE11/90/D.4.3 issued by the Executive Council at its 11<sup>th</sup> session, whereby it requested the General Directorate to redraft the "Implementation Mechanisms of the Special Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training for All in Islamic Countries and Communities" in the light of the comments of Council members and then submit it to the 12<sup>th</sup> Council session;

- Having taken cognizance of document C.E12/91/4.1 which introduces the amended version of "Implementation Mechanisms";

- Considering that the document reflects the comments made by the Council at its 11<sup>th</sup> session;

- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

**1-** Thanks the Director General and his assistants for their efforts in redrafting the "Implementation Mechanisms of the Special Islamic Programme for Literacy ";

**2-** Adopts the "Implementation Mechanisms of the Special Islamic Programme for Literacy " as presented in document CE 12/91/4.1;

**3-** Requests the Director General to disseminate the document, immediately after its adoption by the General Conference, to Member States as well as to Islamic financing institutions and charitable associations which make up the High Authority of the Islamic Programme; and to contact the relevant international organizations with a view to securing extra-budgetary financing for the Programme and its implementation Mechanisms and laying down a joint implementation programme of action;

**4-** Requests that the Executive Council be informed, in each session, of the action undertaken with respect to the implementation of this Programme;

**5-** Recommends that the General Conference adopt them as a practical programme of action in the field of literacy and basic training in the Islamic world.

#### **Item 4.2: Programme of Basic Education and Training for Human Resource Development in Islamic Countries**

##### **Document C.E 12/91/4.2**

**26-** Mr. Ali Mounir Alaoui, Director of Cabinet at the Organization, gave a summary of the Programme in which he stressed the developments in the preparation of the programme through cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference systems in compliance with the agreements concluded by the two parties. He highlighted the overall objective of the programme and defined it as an "action designed to provide the educational for all in Islamic counties and Muslim communities and their development".

He indicated that the programme was in the process of being finalized in order to be presented at a meeting to be convened by the specialized agencies concerned, in January 1992 at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah, to examine ways and means of financing and implementing the programme. During the deliberations, Council members made the following observations:

- efforts in the field of literacy and basic education should not be at the expense of the pressing needs felt in secondary and higher education;

- need to secure extra-budgetary funds to finance this programme.



After the clarifications provided by the General Directorate, the Council adopted the draft programme of basis education and training for human resource development in Islamic countries as contained in document CE 12/91/4.2 and recommended that it should be submitted to the General Conference, taking into consideration the observations, of Council members:

**Doc. C.E12/91/D.4.2**

**Decision on Item 4.2  
of the Agenda**

**Programme of basic education and training  
for human resource development in Islamic countries**

**The Executive Council,**

- In accordance with the principles of the Charter;
- Pursuant to the previous of Article 4 paragraph (c), Article 5 paragraph (g) and Article 11 paragraph 4 of the Charter;
- Having taken cognizance of document C.E12/91/4.2 on the programme of basic education and training for human resource development in Islamic countries;
- Considering that the interest taken in this programme is not inconsistent with the necessity to continue paying attention to secondary and higher education;
- Nothing that the document reflects the general principles of the Islamic Programme for Literacy and Basic Training for All and represents practical follow-up to the Jomtien Conference on Education for All;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;
  - 1-** Congratulates the director General for its efforts in the field of basic education and training;
  - 2-** Reaffirms the need to secure financing to the programme from extra-budgetary resources;
  - 3-** Encourages the Director General to pursue cooperation with the specialized organizations of the United Nations and with the specialized institutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference;
  - 4-** Requests ISESCO Member States to support this cooperation and instruct their delegates to the Organization of the Islamic conference and the United Nations and their specialized agencies to back up the decisions pertaining to this cooperation

5- Recommends that the General Conference adopt the guidelines of this cooperation presented in document CE12/91/4.2.

**Eighth Working Session: Friday afternoon, 14 Jumada I 1412H / 22 November, 1991**

**Item 5.1: Situation of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait**

**Document C.E 12/91/5.1**

27- The Council took cognizance of the report of ISESCO's mission of the state of Kuwait, and heard a short statement by the distinguished delegate of the State of Kuwait who referred to the damage suffered by Kuwaiti educational and cultural institutions in terms of losses and plundering as a result of the Iraqi occupation of the State of Kuwait. The Kuwaiti delegate emphasized the effects of environmental pollution on children, as a result of the fire set to Kuwaiti oil wells.

The representative of the Republic of Iraq then took the floor and voiced his opposition to the contents of the mission's report. He questioned the legitimacy of the mission's task and wondered how it ascertained the accuracy of the information included in its report.

The representative of Palestine invited the Council to tackle the matter in a brotherly spirit in order to bypass it.

After exchanging viewpoints, the Council adopted a decision on the subject, with twelve members for (the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam, Republic of Chad, Republic of the Gambia, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of Qatar, the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros, the State of Kuwait, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Mali, and the Arab Republic of Egypt) and one against (the Republic of Iraq), and the abstention of two members (the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the State of Palestine) and the absence of two others (the Republic of Senegal and the Republic of Guinea):

**Doc. C.E12/91/D.5.1**

**Decision on Item 5.1  
of the Agenda**

**Situation of educational, scientific  
and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait**

**The Executive Council,**

- Pursuant to Decision CE 1/90/D.6 adopted by the Council at its eleventh session on the situation of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait;

- Having taken cognizance of document C.E12/91/5.1 introducing the report of the Director General on the mission he carried out to investigate the situation of the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the state of Kuwait;

- Having taken cognizance, in the above document, of the extensive damage suffered by these institutions;

- Taking into consideration the resolutions adopted by the various organizations regarding the Iraqi invasion and occupation of the State of Kuwait;

**1-** Thanks the Director General and the delegation accompanying him for the efforts they exerted under difficult conditions;

**2-** Calls on the Director General to implement the recommendations and suggestions included in paragraphs 35 through 52 of the report;

**3-** Calls on the Organization to undertake a study on the impact of environmental pollution on children in the State of Kuwait and in the Gulf as a result of the burning of the oil wells set on fire by the Iraqi forces;

**4-** Calls on the Director General to present a report on the implementation of this decision to the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council;

**5-** Decides to insert this item in the agenda of the fourth General Conference session.

**Item 5.6.2: Situation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif under occupation and attempts to obliterate its Islamic identity and judaize it.**

**28-** The delegate of the State of Palestine informed the Council about the continuous attempts of the Israeli occupying authorities to obliterate the Islamic identity of Al-Quds Al-sharif and judaize it. He also informed the Council about the resolution, adopted by UNESCO at its last General Conference, condemning these illegal practices.

The Council adopted a decision on that question calling on the General Directorate of the Organization to set up a Standing Committee to follow up the question of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and inviting the Director General to hold an international seminar with the participation of Muslims and Christians to ensure the protection of religious institutions in Al-Quds. The decision also called for the inclusion of the question of AL-Quds in the draft agenda of every session of the Organization's General Conference:

**Decision on Item 5.6.2  
of the Agenda concerning  
the Situation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif  
under Israeli occupation and on attempts  
at obliterating its Islamic identity and judaize it**

**The Executive Council,**

Recalling, with great awe, the words of the Almighty: "Glory be to God who did take His Servant for a journey by night from the sacred Mosque to Al Masjid Al Aqsa" and the Hadith Al-Sharif of the Prophet: "Prepare to travel to but three masjids: Al Masjid Al Haram, Al Masjid al Aqsa and my Masjid"; calling to mind the covenant of the Caliph Omar Ibn Al Khattab between the Muslims and Christians living in Al-Quds;

Recalling Article 2 of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the objectives of the Islamic Organization –ISESCO- as regards the protection of Islamic culture, heritage and thought against cultural invasion, disfigurement and distortion;

Considering the standing of Al Quds Al Sharif in the conscience of Muslims throughout the world and in respect of mankind;

Deeply aware that the liberation of Al Quds Al Sharif, the safeguarding of its sanctities, the protection of its identity and the preservation of its character and safety are a collective Islamic responsibility and a trust to be honoured by each and every Muslim;

Profoundly deploring the negligence of the international community with respect to the implementation of its numerous resolutions and appeals condemning the Israeli occupation and strongly rejecting the policy of annexation of Al Quds; demanding the withdrawal from the city and from all the territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Al Quds Al Sharif; seriously preoccupied by the non-compliance with the appeals made by international organizations on abstaining from changing the historical cultural and civilizational landmarks of this city and demanding respect for the sanctity of the religious shrines of Muslims and Christians;

Noting with great sorrow the tragic situation experienced by Al Quds Al Sharif, capital of the occupied State of Palestine, owing to the Israeli occupation, as a result of the escalation of judaization and destruction schemes aimed at obliterating the Islamic civilizational identity of this Holy City;

Reaffirming the unique role played and still being played by Al Quds Al Sharif in the Islamic and human history, and the urgent need for all appropriate measures required to liberate this city from imprisonment and occupation in order to safeguard its Islamic and cultural character and its irreplaceable world standing;

Strongly condemning the Israeli violations of the Mosques and Holy shrines of Al Quds and of its religious shrines and legitimate institutions;

Considering that the ongoing acts of aggression and destruction and the continued Israeli occupation of this city will further disrupt the region, in form and in substance, and perpetuate aggression against all Muslims, and not only the Palestinian people;

- 1- Reaffirms UNESCO resolutions 25/R3 on Al Quds and the need to implement it:
- 2- Appeals to the international community in general and to Islamic countries, in particular, to express tangibly their total solidarity, in particular through the collection of donations, whether technical or material, to ensure the maintenance and restoration of the ancient historical and religious places of Al Quds in order to safeguard its heritage;
- 3- Mandates the Director General to set up a standing committee at ISESCO to follow up the question of Al Quds and raise it at all levels so as to fully secure the requirements needed to ensure the protection of this Holy City and safeguard its civilizational landmarks and Islamic characters, and to undertake the translation of books and documents that describe its ancient historical, archeological, religious and judiciary landmarks;
- 4- Decides to include this question in the draft agenda of all General Conference sessions, beginning with the present session;
- 5- Calls for the convening of a world seminar grouping Muslims and Christians to secure the protection of the religious institutions in Al Quds;
- 6- Conveys its thanks to the Moroccan Monarch, King Hassan II, Chairman of Al Quds Committee, for his relentless endeavours to secure the protection of Al Quds against the nefarious deeds of the Israeli occupation, and its attempts at distorting its landmarks, and to liberate it from the usurping occupiers and requests His Majesty to pursue his international endeavours until Al Quds Al Sharif is restored to its rightful owners.

#### **Item 5.2: Draft Agenda of the Fourth Session of the General Conference**

##### **Document C.G 4/91/1.2**

29- Having reviewed the Draft agenda of the Fourth Session of the General Conference, the Council adopted the items and points included in it and added the items concerning the situation of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in the State of Kuwait, the situation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif under occupation, and the attempts at obliterating its Islamic identity and also the tribute to H.E. Professor Abdelhadi Boutaleb:

**Decision on Item 5.2  
of the Agenda  
Draft agenda of the 4<sup>th</sup> session  
of the General Conference**

**The Executive Council,**

- Pursuant to Article 20 paragraph (j) and Article 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Having taken cognizance of document C.E12/91/5.2 provisional on the Draft Agenda of the fourth session of the General Conference (document CG4/91/1.2 provisional);
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

**Decides the following:**

- Approves the Draft Agenda of the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference presented in document CG4/91/1.2 provisional, including the items introduced by the Council, and recommends its adoption by the General Conference.

**Item 5.3: Date and venue of the thirteenth session of the Executive Council**

**30-** The Council decided to postpone making a decision on the date and venue of the next session until after the election of the new Council by the fourth session of the General Conference.

**Decision on Item 5.3  
of the Agenda  
Date and venue of the 13<sup>th</sup> session  
of the Executive Council**

**The Executive Council,**

- Pursuant to Article 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

**Decides the following:**

- Postpones consideration of the time and venue of its 13<sup>th</sup> session until the 4<sup>th</sup> General Conference elects the new Council members, who shall set up their bureau; the latter will determine the date and venue of the 13<sup>th</sup> Council session.

**Item 5.8: Tribute to H.E. Professor Abdelhadi Boutaleb**

**31-** His Excellency the Chairman of the Council read out a draft decision he personally submitted, suggesting that it should appear in the Draft Agenda of the Fourth General Conference. The draft decision called on the Conference to honour His Excellency Professor Abdelhadi Boutaleb for his generous efforts and outstanding services in the establishment of the Organization, thanks to which the latter has become an international body with a distinctive presence. He expressed the hope that such a tribute would be consonant with the lofty position of His Excellency the Director General and his high standing, as a token of recognition of his meritorious efforts exerted for the sake of Islamic international action:

**Doc. C.E 12/91/D.5.8**

**Decision paying tribute to H.E Prof. Abdelhadi Boutaleb  
Director General of the Organization**

**The Executive Council,**

- Commending the efforts expended by Professor Abdelhadi Boutaleb, Director General of the Islamic Organization, throughout the past period and since its establishment, as well as his earnest endeavours to serve the interests of the Organization in order to ensure the achievement of its objectives and spread its Islamic influence far and wide, thus making it possible for it to enjoy a prominent standing among international organizations;

- Taking into consideration his eminent international Islamic personality as a Muslim of very high standing who has taken up and defended Islamic causes, in addition to striving to uphold the Islamic faith, culture and civilization;

- In view of the fact that his activity at the head of the Islamic Organization has had a wide impact in terms of developing Islamic international cultural action and raising the general standard of performance in the service of Islam's cultural mission;

For all the forgoing, the Executive Council, in conveying its sincerest thanks, appreciation and gratitude to Professor Abdelhadi Boutaleb;

Requests the General Conference, in its capacity as a supreme cultural and scientific body at the level of the Islamic world, to honour him in the most suitable manner it deems fit in keeping with his eminent standing, as a token of appreciation of the services he has rendered to the cause of Islamic international action.

Following adoption of this decision by the Council, His Excellency the Director General took the floor to thank the Council and pointed out that this tribute was meant for all the staff of the Organization. He indicated that he was touched by this token of appreciation and expressed his determination to pursue his action in the service of Islamic thought.

**32-** The distinguished representative of the Comoros, Mr Youkena Abdul Latif took the floor and expressed his thanks to the Director General and the staff of the Organization for the efforts they exerted in the Comoros. He also expressed his sincere thanks to the Government of His Majesty Hassan II, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco, for the continuous support extended to ISESCO.

### **Closing Session: Monday morning, 17 Jumada I 1412H / 25 November, 1991**

#### **Adoption of the Final Report of the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council**

##### **Document C.E 12/91/Draft Final Report**

**33-** Council members addressed a message of thanks and gratitude to the Moroccan Sovereign, King Hassan II, in which they expressed to His Majesty their deep appreciation for the care and solicitude which the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco had extended to this Council session. They commended this generous Islamic country for its role in terms of supporting joint Islamic action (See Annex N° 5).

**34-** H.E. Dr. Abul-Wafa Al-Taftazani, representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt and rapporteur of the Executive Council, read out the Draft Final Report, paragraph by paragraph, as well as the draft decisions and recommendations adopted by the Council on the various items of this session's agenda. After deliberations, the Council adopted the Report, decisions and recommendations as presented in Document CE 12/91/Draft Final Report, taking into consideration the relevant observations made by Council members.

**35-** His Excellency the Chairman of the Council expressed his thanks to Council members for their full cooperation in examining and discussing agenda items as well as to the General Directorate for the efforts made to ensure the success of this session.

**36-** The representative of the State of Palestine took the floor and called attention to the regrettable events taking place in the Republic of Somalia, an Islamic Member State of ISESCO. He proposed that an appeal be addressed to the Somalian brothers urging them to settle their disputes in accordance with the precepts of Islam in order to put an end to the shedding of Muslim blood. The Council adopted the proposed appeal (See Annex N°6).

**37-** Speaking on behalf of his colleagues, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan thanked His Excellency the Chairman of the Council for the patience and wisdom he had shown in steering the Council's proceedings.

**38-** His Excellency the Deputy Director General for Education then took the floor and thanked His Excellency the Chairman of the Council. He commended him for his wisdom and sagacity in conducting the proceedings of the Council during the three years in which he chaired ISESCO's Executive Council. He also thanked the staff members, the translators, interpreters and all those who contribute to the preparation of the various documents of the 12<sup>th</sup> Council session as well as to its success.