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and Cultural Organization -ISESCO-**

**19th Session of the Executive Council
of the Islamic Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Organization
-ISESCO-**

Final Report

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The Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization held its Nineteenth Session in Rabat, capital city of the Kingdom of Morocco, from 29 Rajab to 4 Shaaban 1419 A.H., corresponding to 19-24 November, 1998. It was attended by the members of the Executive Council, except for the representatives of the following States : Malaysia, Djibouti, Guinea-Bissau, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Niger and Azerbaijan.

*(Annex 1 : List of attending members
of the Executive Council or their substitutes)*

Opening Session : Thursday, 29 Rajab 1419 A.H. / 19 November, 1998

Morning

- 1- The Opening Session was attended by H.E. Dr. Omar Fassi, Secretary of State in charge of Scientific Research, delegated to the Ministry of Higher Education, Executive Staff Training and Scientific Research in the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, H.E. Dr. Khalid Ibn Muhammad Al Anqari, Minister of Higher Education in the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, President of the Sixth General Conference of ISESCO, H.E. Prof. Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad, representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Chairman of the Executive Council, and H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The session was also attended by H.E. Abdessalam Znined, Secretary of State in charge of Arab-Islamic Cooperation and the Arab Maghreb, delegated to the Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the Secretaries General of the National Commissions for Education, Science and Culture in the Member States, on the occasion of their first meeting in Rabat, and by representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited to Rabat, in addition to a host of senior personalities and eminent figures from the realm of education, culture and information.
- 2- The Opening Session started with a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. H.E. Prof. Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad, representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Chairman of the Executive Council, delivered, afterwards, an address in which he first thanked the members of the Executive Council for the trust they placed in him by electing him Chairman of the Executive Council. He, then, commended the judicious policy pursued by ISESCO under the leadership of its

Director General, consisting mainly in gearing expenditures to programmes and in promoting cooperation with international organizations operating in similar fields of competence.

The Council Chairman lauded the efforts exerted by ISESCO in terms of providing all forms of support to Member States in its fields of competence. He highlighted the fact that the financial resources allocated to the Action Plan's implementation represented 82% of the overall expenditure. After giving an overview of the numerous achievements made by ISESCO, he expressed his conviction that those achievements contributed to the educational, scientific and cultural development of the Muslim World.

In conclusion of his address, the Council Chairman conveyed his sincere thanks and deep gratitude to His Majesty King Hassan II, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco, for the support he extended to ISESCO, and expressed, on behalf of the Executive Council, his deepest consideration to His Majesty, his judicious Government and his noble people.

*(Annex 2 : Address by His Excellency
Prof. Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad,
representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh,
Chairman of the Executive Council)*

- 3- His Excellency Dr. Omar Fassi, Secretary of State in charge of Scientific Research, delegated to the Minister of Higher Education, Executive Staff Training and Scientific Research in the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, delivered an address on behalf of Dr. Najib Zerouali, Minister of Higher Education, Executive Staff Training and Scientific Research in the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, in which he highlighted the importance attached by His Majesty King Hassan II to the joint Islamic action. He commended the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization -ISESCO- which, despite its young age, said he, had proven its maturity and wisdom as reflected in its numerous achievements and activities. He stressed the adherence to the cultural and civilizational identity, calling for dialogue and openness which he qualified as intrinsic components of the Islamic culture. In this connection, he recalled the Royal Message addressed to ISESCO on the occasion of the celebration of its fifteenth anniversary last year, in which the Moroccan Sovereign underlined the necessity of striking a fair balance among preservation of identity, harnessing of

science and technology, and embracing of purposeful education and integrated culture.

The Moroccan Secretary of State highlighted, in his address, that credit for the success met by ISESCO in the fulfillment of its tasks went to the sound, efficient management followed by the General Directorate of the Islamic Organization, and congratulated the Director General Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri on his success in discharging the tasks assigned to him.

*(Annex 3 : Address by H.E. Prof. Omar Fassi,
Secretary of State in charge of Scientific Research,
delegated to the Minister of Higher Education,
Executive Staff Training and Scientific Research
in the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco)*

- 4- His Excellency Dr. Khalid Ibn Muhammad Al Anqari, Minister of Higher Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, President of the Sixth General Conference of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, delivered an address in which he first conveyed the greetings of the Government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz Al Saud, and their wishes for the success of the Session. He expressed his pleasure to attend the proceedings of the Council Session, the first one to be held after the 6th General Conference of ISESCO which was hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, last year, under the generous patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz Al Saud, and which provided an opportunity for being closely acquainted with the Islamic Organization and its pioneering achievements in its fields of competence.

He also expounded the importance of the topics of the Session, in particular the examination of the broad lines of the Medium-Term Plan for the years 2001-2009 and the three-year action plans to be derived therefrom, which would be successfully implemented by ISESCO, with the grace of Allah, during the first decade of the 21st century. He expressed his confidence in the Islamic Organization and in its ability to actively contribute to the civilizational edification of the Muslim Ummah, thanks to the support of its Member States and the dedication of its staff, foremost of whom was the Director General.

In conclusion of his address, the President of the General Conference expressed his thanks and consideration to His Majesty King Hassan II, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco, for his tremendous care towards ISESCO and the support and assistance extended to it by his esteemed Government.

(Annex 4 : Address by H.E.

Dr. Khalid Ibn Muhammad Al Anqari,

Minister of Higher Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

President of the Sixth General Conference of ISESCO)

- 5- His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, delivered afterwards an address in the outset of which he conveyed his heartfelt thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Hassan II, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco, for the unflagging support and generous care bestowed by His Majesty and by his esteemed Government on the Islamic Organization. He wished His Majesty long life and full success.

The Director General welcomed, in particular, H.E. Dr. Khalid Ibn Muhammad Al Anqari, Minister of Higher Education in the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, President of the 6th General Conference of the Islamic Organization. He thanked him for attending the proceedings of the 19th Executive Council Session, indicating that his presence testified to the keen interest taken by the Government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in the Organization.

He pointed out that the success met by the Organization in its fields of competence gave the strongest impetus to comprehensive development in the Muslim world, in view of the fact that joint educational, scientific and cultural action was geared first and foremost to the promotion of humans.

The Director General pointed out that the first year of the Three-Year Action Plan 1998-2000 was replete with activities benefitting not only the entire Member States, but also Muslim communities in several non-Islamic countries. The rate of activity implementation up to 15 November 1998 reached, said he, 80.77% and was expected to soar up to 94.79% by end of December 1998 as the number of actually implemented activities would total 366 against 405 scheduled.

He also commended the response of Member States to the Organization's activities and their appreciation for its achievements, extending, by the same token, his thanks and gratitude to Their Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses the leaders of Member States for their sustained support and ever-renewed confidence in the Organization.

*(Annex 5 : Address by H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Othman
Altwaijri, Director General of the Islamic Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization)*

- 6- At the end of the Opening Session, the members of the Council and the guests attended a reception organized in their honour by the Director General of the Organization.

First Working Session : Thursday, 29 Rajab 1419 A.H. / 19 November 1998

Afternoon

**Item 1.1 of the Draft Agenda
(Adoption of the Agenda)
(Document C.E.19/98/1.1 Provisional Revised)**

- 7- The Council examined the proposed Draft Agenda (Document C.E. 19/98/1.1. Provisional Revised). Following extensive discussions, the Council members deemed it necessary to amend the proposed Agenda, taking into account the following :

- Hold in camera sessions to discuss items pertaining to :
 - Report of the Director General on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization.
 - Construction of the headquarters of ISESCO.
 - Appointment of the Deputy Director General.
 - Clarifications of the Director General on applications of some articles of the Personnel Regulations.

The Executive Council took the following decision thereon :

**Decision on Item 1.1 of the Agenda
(Adoption of the Agenda)
(Document C.E. 19/98/1.1)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Articles (23-25) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Having considered the Draft Agenda of its 19th Session contained in Document (C.E. 19/98/1.1 Provisional);
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following :

- Adopts the Agenda of its current 19th Session as contained in Document (C.E. 19/98/1.1 Adopted) which is annexed to the Final Report of the above mentioned Session.

(Annex 6, Document C.E. 19/98/1.1 Adopted)

**Item 1.2 of the Agenda
(Adoption of the Programme)
(Document C.E. 19/98/1.2 Provisional, Revised)**

- 8-** The Council considered the proposed Draft Programme submitted in Document (C.E. 19/98/1.2 Provisional Revised), and after discussions, the Council members were of the view to hold the daily working sessions of the Executive Council on a continuous basis, as from Saturday 1st Shaaban 1419 A.H. / 21 November 1998 A.D., from 09:00 to 15:00, except for Friday, 30 Rajab 1419 A.H. / 20 November 1998 A.D., on which day the Council's working sessions would be held in two morning and afternoon periods. The Council members also agreed to hold one in camera working session to address the items deemed advisable to be discussed in closed session.

The Council decided to adopt the Programme, and took the following decision :

Decision on Item 1.2 of the Agenda (Adoption of the Programme)

The Executive Council,

- Recalling the Decision n° (C.E. 18/97/D. 5.1) adopted by the Executive Council in its 18th Session (Riyadh, 29/11/-4/12/1997), in which it decided to hold its 19th Session in Rabat, in the second half of November, 1998;
- Considering Decision n° (C.E. 19/98/D. 1.1) adopted by the Council regarding the Agenda of its current 19th Session;
- Having considered the Draft Programme of this Session contained in document (C.E. 19/98/1.2 Provisional);
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following :

- Adopts the Programme of its current 19th Session as contained in document n° (C.E. 19/99/1.2 Adopted) which is annexed to the Final Report of this Session.

(Annex 7 : Document C.E. 19/98/1.2 Adopted)

Item 2.1 of the Agenda : Report of the Director General on the Organization's Activities between the 18th and 19th Executive Council Sessions (Document C.E. 19/98/2.1 and Document C.E. 19/98/2.1 Addendum)

- 9- The Director General of the Organization made a succinct presentation on his report, at the beginning of which he stated that although work often proceeded at a slow pace in the first year of any action plan due to technical reasons, the outcome of the Organization's activities for the first year totalled as many as 400 activities, which meant an almost full implementation rate, taking into account the volume of activities carried out up to 15 November 1998, representing an implementation rate of 80%. He further indicated that if we took into account the activities carried out at the initiative of the cooperating parties, the rate of implementation would rise to 85%.

A detailed account was then given by the Director General on achievements in each directorate, classifying the types of activities according to their nature, and

showing that the General Directorate had intensified the implementation of activities in cooperation with Arab, Islamic and international organizations and institutions, so much so that 122 activities had been thus carried out.

He then gave an account of the Director General's activities inside and outside the seat country, consisting in the participation in a number of Islamic, Arab and international conferences, symposia and colloquia, in addition to meetings with heads of state and senior officials, which helped strengthen ISESCO's relations with the Member States and the cooperating organizations, publicize its programmes, and find new financial sources for its projects.

- 10-** In their interventions, the Council members expressed their sincere thanks and congratulations to the Director General and his assistants on the steady efforts they exerted toward realization of the goals of the Organization. They commended the high implementation rates of activities during the first year of the plan, as well as the successful efforts to remove all obstacles and iron out difficulties. The Council members praised, likewise, the wise policy executed by the Director General to consolidate the Organization's presence in international circles, and strengthen its status amid similar organizations through activating the cooperation agreements concluded.

After deliberating, the following observations have been made :

- Necessity to pay greater attention to a scientifically-based evaluation of activities;
- Necessity to attach importance to the selection of the books published by the Organization;
- Need to pay more attention to higher and women education activities;
- Necessity to attach paramount importance to manuscript collection and restoration, and to affirm relations with the Vienna Centre in this field;
- Activation and expansion of cooperation with Amnesty International in order to highlight the Islamic outlook on human rights;
- stepping up interest in Muslim communities in the Americas;
- Importance of opening an Internet site for the Islamic Organization to spread Islam and correct fallacies circulated about it.

- 11-** In his response to the interventions of the Council members, the Director General thanked them for their good feelings which would certainly induce the General

Directorate to make further efforts. He pointed out that all the activities programmed for that year, as mentioned in the document, emanated from and conformed with the adopted Three-Year Plan. He affirmed that the General Directorate would take into account the Council's observations upon drawing up the list of programmes for the remaining two years of the Plan.

After deliberating, the Council took the following decision in this connection:

**Decision on Item 2.1 of the Agenda
(Report of the Director General on the Organization's
Activities between the 18th and 19th Council Sessions)
(Document C.E. 19/98/2.1)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article 21 paragraph (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, which stipulates that the Council consider the Director General's Report on the implementation of ISESCO's activities and adopt it;
- Having considered the Report of the Director General on the Organization's activities between the 18th and 19th Council Sessions, which is contained in Documents C.E. 19/98/2.1 and C.E. 19/98/2.1 Addendum;
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General;
- Noting, in particular, that the approach adopted by the Organization in drawing as much benefit as possible from cooperation agreements with other organizations has led to a rational use of resources, exchange of expertise and organization of activities as well as an active presence of the Organization at the international level, which constitutes a positive asset with regard to ISESCO's action and implementation of its programmes;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the opinions and suggestions put forward by the Executive Council members;

Decides the following :

- 1- Adopts the Report of the Director General on the Organization's Activities between the 18th and 19th Council Sessions contained in Documents C.E.

19/98/2.1 and C.E. 19/98/2.1 Addendum, taking into account the observations of the Council members;

- 2- Commends the great efforts exerted by the General Directorate in implementing the greater part of activities and programmes and expanding the areas of cooperation with international organizations, Arab and Islamic institutions and regional organizations as well as other governmental and non-governmental bodies, which enabled ISESCO to secure considerable additional financial resources and be open to the international community;
- 3- Thanks the Director General and his assistants for their efforts in affirming the role of the Organization at the international level and in cooperating with similar organizations;
- 4- Agrees to submit this Report to the next General Conference, and recommends its adoption by the General Conference.

Second Working Session : Friday, 30 Rajab 1419 A.H. / 20 November 1998

Morning :

Item 2.2 of the Agenda :

**Financial Report of the Director General
and Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1997,
and General Statements of Accounts and Expenditure
up to the end of September, 1998
(Document C.E. 19/98/2.2)**

and Item 2.3 of the Agenda :

**Report of the Financial Control Committee
and Report of the Audit Company for Financial Year 1997
(Document C.E. 19/98/2.3)**

- 12- The Director General made a detailed presentation on his Financial Report, which included the closing accounts for the period from 1 January to 31 December, 1997. He indicated that ISESCO received during the year 1997 an amount of US\$ 6,040,603.05, of which a mere 43% was settled under the financial year 1997. He said that ISESCO's off-contributions income reached US\$ 325,908.42, and that arrears since the establishment of ISESCO totalled US\$

52,340,862.95. The Report also showed the real expenditures, during 1997 which stood at 14% for the general policy spending, 68% for the implementation of programmes and activities, and 18% for joint expenditure. The Report also referred to the cooperation of ISESCO with other organizations in the implementation of joint programmes in which the spending totalled US\$ 548,830.14.

13- The Chairman of the Financial Control Committee presented a report on the auditing of the accounts of financial year 1997, pointing out that the Committee had examined the financial situation of ISESCO, and thanking the General Directorate for its adherence to the implementation of all the recommendations enshrined in the previous reports of the Committee. He affirmed that ISESCO's accounts were accurate and genuine and thanked ISESCO for the facilities provided to the Committee to facilitate its mission. He recommended, in his report, the increase in the number of ISESCO's library staff and the holding of training sessions for them in order to help improve their performance, urging the Member States to pay their contributions, in particular the arrears of the last ten years. He also stressed the need for the Report of the Audit Company to be accurate in the form and content as well as improving the translation of its terminology, indicating the need to change the audit company with which ISESCO had a contract. He, then, recommended that the Council approve the purchase of an official accommodation as it would enable ISESCO to save financial resources.

14- The Council members expressed their thanks to the Director General for his efforts in preparing the Report. They likewise thanked the Financial Control Committee for its excellent work. During the discussions the following observations were made by the Council members :

- . Look for additional resources and seek the assistance of the private sector;
- . Search for other financial sources, such as the Waqf;
- . Approve the conclusion of a contract with a new company for the auditing of ISESCO's accounts, namely the International Audit Group.

After deliberating, the Council took the following decisions :

**Decision on Item 2.2 of the Agenda
(Financial Report of the Director General
and Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1997,
and General Statements of Accounts
and Expenditure up to the end of September 1998)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with :
 - * Article 16 of the Charter,
 - * Articles 19 and 29 of the Financial Regulations and Article 21, paragraph “d” of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Pursuant to the 5th General Conference Resolution n° CG 5/94/R 2.3 and operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Decision n° CE 15/94/D 2.2 adopted by the Executive Council at its 15th Session (Damascus, 19-24/11/1994) on the dates of the Financial Reports;
- Having considered the Financial Report of the Director General and the Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1997 as well as the General Statements of Accounts and Expenditure up to the end of September 1998, contained respectively in Documents C.E. 19/98/2.2 and CE 19/98/2.2. Addendum;
- Having heard the clarifications made by the Director General and his assistants;
- Having been informed that the Financial Control Committee has considered the Financial Report and the Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1997, approved it and put forward suggestions thereon;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the opinions expressed;

Decides the following :

- 1- Adopts the Director General’s Financial Report, the Closing Accounts for Financial Year 1997, the General Statement of Accounts and Expenditure up to the end of September 1998, contained respectively in documents CE 19/98/2.2 and CE 19/98/2.2 Addendum;

- 2- Commends the Director General's adherence to Decision CE 15/94/D 2.2 adopted by the Executive Council at its 15th Session on the dates of the Financial Reports;
- 3- Thanks the Director General for his efforts in gearing the bulk of ISESCO's financial resources to the implementation of the Programmes and in reducing operating expenses;
- 4- Agrees to submit this Report to the next General Conference and recommends its adoption by the General Conference.

**Decision on Item 2.3 of the Agenda:
(Reports of the Financial Control Committee and
the Audit Company for Financial Year 1997)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with:
 - *Article 19 of the Charter;
 - *Article 20 and Articles 24-29 of the Financial Regulations;
 - *Article 21, paragraphs "b", "c" and "i" of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Having been informed of the meeting held by the Financial Control Committee at ISESCO's headquarters at the invitation of the General Directorate in accordance with the provisions of the operating paragraphs 4 and 5 of the decision n° CE 15/94/D.2.2. adopted by the Executive Council at its 15th Session on the dates of the Financial Reports and the invitation of the Financial Control Committee to meet at the beginning of July to prepare its report;
- Having considered document CE 19/98/2.3 which contains the reports of the Financial Control Committee and the Audit Company for Financial Year 1997;
- Having heard the Report of the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee;
- Having heard the Report of the Director General regarding the implementation of the recommendation of the Financial Control Committee as to the selection of a new external auditor of the accounts of ISESCO;

- Considering the eagerness of the Director General to implement the recommendations of the Financial Control Committee;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following :

- 1- Adopts the report of the Financial Control Committee except for the two recommendations concerning the contributions and the purchase of an official accommodation which will be discussed at a later session, and also adopts the report of the Audit Company for Financial Year 1997 contained in document CE 19/98/2.3;
- 2- Approves the choice of “Audit International” as auditor of ISESCO’s accounts;
- 3- Thanks the Chairman of the Financial Control Committee and its members for their efforts in improving the financial and accounting procedures of the Organization;
- 4- Commends the Director General’s strong adherence to the recommendations of the Financial Control Committee, his initiatives to stress the implementation of those recommendations and his call to proceed in that direction;
- 5- Recommends that the next General Conference adopt these two reports contained in document C.E 19/98/2.3.

Item 4.2 of the Draft Agenda :

**Election of the Financial Control Committee members
(Document C.E. 19/98/4.2)**

- 15- The Director General made a presentation on the work of the Financial Control Committee since the establishment of ISESCO, indicating that the composition of the Committee had always taken into consideration the geographic distribution and the selection of States which had never been members of that Committee. He, subsequently, mentioned the names of the States which were represented in the Committee from 1985 to 1991 and from 1992 to 1995, in addition to the composition of the current Committee. The Director General, then, invited the Council members to nominate five members in the new Committee in accordance with the two previous conditions. The Council members invited the Director General to make proposals in this respect. He proposed that the Committee be composed of the following States :

- The State of the United Arab Emirates
- The Arab Republic of Egypt
- The Republic of Chad
- The Republic of Azerbaijan
- The Islamic Republic of Mauritania

The Council adopted the proposal put forward by the the Director General and took, thereon, the following decision :

**Decision on Item 4.2 of the Agenda:
(Election of the Financial Control Committee Members)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with :
 - *Article 19 of the Charter,
 - *Article 24 of the Financial Regulations,
 - *Article 21, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having considered the Document C.E. 19/98/4.2 concerning the election of the Financial Control Committee members;
- Considering the expiry of the three-year mandate of the current Committee, which was elected by the Executive Council's 16th Session in accordance with the Decision of the 16th Session of the Council (Decision n° CE16/95/D.4.2).

Decides the following :

- 1-** Elects the following States as Members of the Financial Control Committee for three years :
 - * The State of the United Arab Emirates
 - * The Arab Republic of Egypt
 - * The Republic of Chad
 - * The Republic of Azerbaijan
 - * The Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- 2-** Calls upon the States which are members of this Committee to nominate their representatives from among their experts in the field.

Item 3.1 of the Agenda :
Broad lines of the Draft Medium-Term Plan
of the Organization for the Years 2001-2009
(Document C.E. 19/98/3.1)

16- The Director General presented briefly the document on the Broad Lines of the Draft Medium-Term Plan for the years 2001-2009 of the Organization and pointed out that the Draft Medium-Term Plan would, by no means be an alternative for the three-year plans drawn up by the Islamic Organization, nor for the three strategies developed to promote education and culture, and advance science and technology. He stated that it was a general framework which contained perceptions of the major orientations that should guide the action of ISESCO over the first decade of the twenty-first century.

Expounding the reference base of the project, the Director General recalled the decision of the Executive Council at its Eighteenth Session, on the setting up of a Committee of Experts from the Islamic countries to draw up the Broad Lines of the Draft Plan. The Director General also indicated, in his presentation, that the Draft Plan had built on the results of the first Medium-Term Plan (1991-2000) for the last decade of the twentieth century, and said that the project comprised four major elements, *viz.*, education, science, culture and communication.

Third Working Session : Friday, 30 Rajab 1419 A.H. / 20 November 1998

Afternoon :

17- The Council proceeded with its discussion of the Broad Lines of the Draft Medium-Term Plan. After an in-depth analysis of the document and extensive discussions, the Council members made a number of sound observations and objective proposals on the Draft Plan's philosophy, rationale, objectives and domains. The observations focussed on the preamble of the project and its four components (i.e. education, science, culture and communication).

The Council agreed to include the observations made by the Council members, as well as the written comments, in a document classifying them according to each domain in order to be sent to the Member States together with the Draft Plan for consideration and opinion.

Thereupon, the Council took the following decision :

**Decision on Item 3.1 of the Agenda
(Broad Lines of ISESCO's
Draft Medium-Term Plan 2001-2009)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article 21, paragraph "e" of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Considering the great and successive changes taking place world-wide, and the rapid scientific and technological developments which the Muslim World should keep pace with and secure an active and outstanding participation in;
- Pursuant to the Executive Council's decision which invites the Director General to set up a committee of leading scholars from the Member States in order to draw up the Broad Lines of ISESCO's Draft Medium-Term Plan for the years 2001-2009 in accordance with Decision CE 18/97/D 3.4;
- Having considered the report of the Committee in charge of preparing the Broad Lines of ISESCO's Draft Medium-Term Plan 2001-2009;
- Considering the deliberations of the Executive Council, its opinions and directives;

Decides the following :

- 1-** Thanks the Committee of Experts for their efforts in preparing the Broad Lines of ISESCO's Draft Medium-Term Plan for the Years 2001-2009;
- 2-** Thanks the Director General and his assistants for their efforts in preparing this document;
- 3-** Recommends that the Director General submit the Broad Lines of the Medium-Term Plan together with the observations of the Executive Council members to the competent parties in Member States to give their views, enrich the document and return it to the General Directorate within four months;
- 4-** Empowers the Director General to set up a six-member Committee composed of experts representing the different geographic regions to consider the observations of Member States and prepare the version of the Draft Medium-Term Plan to be submitted to the Twentieth Session of the Executive Council;

- 5- Empowers the Director General to prepare the Broad Lines of the Three-Year Plan 2001-2003 in the light of the amended Draft Medium-Term Plan for submission to the Twentieth Session of the Executive Council.

Item 3.3 of the Agenda :
Purchase of an Official Accommodation
(Document C.E. 19/98/3.3)

- 18- The Director General made a presentation on the subject, reminding that ISESCO provided a rented official accommodation to its Director General, which entailed exorbitant rental and maintenance costs for ISESCO. He indicated that the urge for rationalization of expenditure required to purchase an official accommodation, just like the purchase of headquarters of ISESCO, as this measure proved to be sound. He then reviewed the sums of money paid on the rental of the official accommodation, which were very high. He recalled the recommendation of the Financial Control Committee which urged for the purchase of an official accommodation for the Director General. After discussions, the Council took the following decision :

Decision on Item 3.3 of the Agenda
(Purchase of an Official Accommodation)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article 31 of the Personnel Regulations;
- Having considered Document C.E. 19/98/3.3 containing the report of the General Directorate in this respect;
- Taking into consideration the recommendation of the Financial Control Committee about the purchase of an official accommodation as contained in Document C.E. 19/98/2.3;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place and the measures taken thereon;

Decides the following :

- 1- Adopts Document C.E. 19/98/3.3;

- 2- Thanks the Director General and his assistants for the preparation of this document;
- 3- Delegates to the Director General the authority to take the necessary measures concerning this project;
- 4- Includes this item in the Agenda of the 20th Session of the Council.

Fourth Working Session : Saturday, 1 Shaaban 1419 A.H. / 21 November 1998

Morning :

- 19- The Council held an in camera session and discussed the items for which an in camera session was decided.

Item 2.4 of the Agenda :
Director General's Report on the Situation of
Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget
and on redressing the Organization's Financial Situation
(Document C.E. 19/98/2.4)

- 20- Following deliberations on the above item, the Council took the following decision :

Decision on Item 2.4 of the Agenda
(Director General's Report on
the Situation of Member States' Contributions
to the Organization's Budget and on redressing
the Organization's Financial Situation)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article 17 of the Charter and Article 6 of the Financial Regulations;
- Recalling the decisions adopted by the previous sessions of the Executive Council and the resolutions of the General Conference of ISESCO, in particular the following :

* Decision n° C.E. 15/94/D. 2.4 adopted by the Executive Council at its 15th Session (Damascus, 19-24/11/1994), in which it adopted in the third

operative paragraph the report of the Committee set up by the Council in its 14th Session to examine the situation of Member States' contributions to the Organization's budget;

- * Resolution n° C.G. 5/94/R. 2.5 adopted by the 5th General Conference (Damascus, 27-30/11/1994), in which it invited in the third operative paragraph the representatives of Member States in the General Conference, and the members of the Executive Council to contact the relevant parties in their countries to stress the paramount importance of their commitment to a regular settlement of their contributions and settling their arrears in order to secure the conduct of the Organization's action;
- * Resolution n° CG 6/97/R 2.5 of the 6th General Conference (Riyadh 6-9/12/1997) which affirmed the provisions of the Resolution of the 5th General Conference and the necessity for the Member States to honour their contributions and settle their arrears in order to enable the Organization to carry out its civilizational mission;

- Considering the presentation made by the Director General;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following :

- 1- Adopts the Report of the Director General on Member States' contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization as contained in Document n° C.E. 19/98/2.4;
- 2- Thanks the Member States which have settled their contribution to the Organization, and urges the other Member States to follow suit;
- 3- Affirms the previous resolutions and decisions of the General Conference and the Executive Council in this respect, in particular Decision n° C.E. 15/94/D. 2.4 adopted by the Executive Council in its 15th Session, the proposals of the Committee it had set up in its 14th Session, and the Resolution n° C.G. 6/97/R. 2.5 of the 5th General Conference;
- 4- Appeals to the President of the General Conference to contact the Member States which have contributions in arrears in order to urge them to settle their contributions regularly;

- 5- Invites the members of the Executive Council and the officials in charge of the National Commissions to continue and intensify their efforts so that their respective States would be more committed to settling their contributions;
- 6- Requests the Member States which have contributions in arrears to explain the reasons for their non-settlement of the contributions due to the Organization in order to examine them;
- 7- Requests the Chairman of the Executive Council to contact the Member States which have arrears to urge them to settle their contributions regularly;
- 8- Empowers the Director General to look into the possibility of implementing some activities in the willing Member States which have arrears on the understanding that their arrears would be deducted from the activities' costs in the local currency;
- 9- Thanks the Director General for his efforts and initiatives to contact Member States in order to secure as many contributions as possible and to strengthen the cooperation with international organizations for a greater support for ISESCO's programmes and activities, and invites him to pursue and intensify his efforts in this connection, in addition to looking into the possibilities considered by the Council in this regard;
- 10- Takes cognizance of the information put forward by certain Member States concerning the settlement of their contributions to the Organization;
- 11- Submits this Report to the next General Conference and recommends its adoption.

Item 3.2 of the Agenda :
Construction of ISESCO's headquarters
(Document C.E. 19/98/3.2)

- 21- Following deliberations on the above item, the Council took the following decision :

Decision on Item 3.2 of the Agenda (Construction of the Organization's Headquarters)

The Executive Council ,

- Recalling the Decision n° C.E. 18/97/D. 3.2 on the construction of the Organization's Headquarters, adopted by the 18th Session of the Executive Council (Riyadh, 29/11/-4/12/1997) and the Resolution n° C.G. 6/97/R. 3.1 adopted by the 6th General Conference;
- Considering the previous decisions adopted by the Executive Council and the Resolutions adopted by the General Conference in this respect;
- Having taken cognizance of the efforts exerted by the Director General in stepping up contacts with the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco in order to obtain a plot of land located in a better place than the one owned by the Organization in order to build its permanent headquarters, as well as the contacts made by the Director General with the Deputy Prime Minister in the State of the United Arab Emirates to speed up the implementation of the proposed project;
- Having considered the Director General's Report on the construction of ISESCO's headquarters contained in Document n° C.E. 19/98/3.2;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following :

- 1-** Thanks the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for its assistance and for the facilities it extended to carry through this project;
- 2-** Thanks the Government of the State of the United Arab Emirates for its contribution to the realization of this project;
- 3-** Appeals to the President of the General Conference to take steps with the parties concerned in support of the efforts of the Director General;
- 4-** Thanks the Director General for his continuous efforts toward the construction of ISESCO's permanent headquarters;
- 5-** Invites the Director General to pursue his efforts in this respect;

6- Includes this item in the agenda of the 20th Session of the Council.

Item 4.1 of the Agenda :
Appointment of the Deputy Director General
(Document C.E. 19/98/4.1)

22- Following deliberations on the above item, the Council took the following decision :

Decision on Item 4.1 of the Agenda
(Appointment of the Deputy Director General)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article 12 II, paragraph 2 of the Charter;
- In accordance with the provisions of Article 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
- Recalling the Decision of the Executive Council at its 16th Session (Decision n° C.E. 16/95/D. 4.1);
- Considering the presentation made by the Director General;
- Considering the discussions which have taken place and the procedures followed;
- Taking into account the unanimous approval of the Council members;

Decides the following :

- Appoints Mr. Oumar Saad Touré as Deputy Director General for a second three-year term as of 1st January, 1999.

Item 4.3 of the Agenda :
Director General's Report on the application
of some articles of the Personnel Regulations
(Document C.E. 19/98/4.3)

23- Following discussion of the above item, the Council took the following decision :

**Decision on Item 4.3 of the Agenda
(Report of the Director General on the application
of some articles of the Personnel Regulations)**

The Executive Council :

- Considering Decision C.E. 18/97/D. 6.1 of the Executive Council's 18th Session, by virtue of which the 6th General Conference adopted the amendments to the Personnel Regulations;
- In accordance with the provisions of the second operative paragraph of the Resolution of the 6th General Conference C.G. 6/97/R. 2.6;
- Having heard the presentation of the Director General in this respect;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following :

- Thanks the Director General for his good implementation of the Executive Council's Decision C.E. 18/97/D. 6.1;
- Approves the clarifications made by the Director General in this regard.

Item 5.1 of the Agenda :
**ISESCO's role in supporting Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Institutions in Palestine**
(Document C.E. 19/98/5.1)

Item 5.2 of the Agenda :
**ISESCO's role in supporting Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina**
(Document C.E. 19/98/5.2)

Item 5.3 of the Agenda :
**ISESCO's role in supporting Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Institutions in Somalia**
(Document C.E. 19/98/ 5.3)

Item 5.4 of the Agenda :
ISESCO's role in supporting Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Institutions in Azerbaijan
(Document C.E. 19/98/5.4)

- 24-** The Deputy Director General made a presentation on ISESCO's efforts in Palestine, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Somalia and Azerbaijan and pointed out that in addition to the programmes and activities implemented by ISESCO for the benefit of these Member States, the special situation of these States made it necessary to gear additional programmes to them. He stated that programmes were geared, in this context, to Palestine as a State, and to Al-Quds as a holy city, in addition to programmes for Bosnia-Herzegovina and Sarajevo, to Somalia, and to Azerbaijan.
- 25-** The Council member from Somalia expressed his thanks to the Director General for the programmes geared to Somali refugees in Yemen and Djibouti. He indicated that the civil war in Somalia was over, that it was therefore possible to implement activities within Somalia, and that the activities should not be limited to refugees. He, then, mentioned the needs of Somalia in the fields of ISESCO's competence, expressing his hope that the Organization would be able to meet those needs within the limits of its resources. He also appealed to Member States to provide more support to educational and cultural institutions in Somalia.
- 26-** The Council member from Bosnia-Herzegovina expressed his thanks to the Director General for the tremendous care extended by ISESCO to his country. He also indicated that his country was still experiencing a difficult juncture, and mentioned the needs of his country in education, science and culture.
- 27-** After deliberations by the Council members, the Council took the following decisions :

Decision on Item 5.1 of the Agenda :
(ISESCO's role in supporting Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Institutions in Palestine)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of the Organization's Charter;

- Recalling the Statement on Solidarity with the Palestinian People, issued by the General Conference at its 4th Session, which was called the Al-Quds Session (Rabat 28-30 November, 1991) and the previous decisions of the Executive Council and resolutions of the General Conference adopted ever since 1982 concerning the support of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine;
- In accordance with the Decision n° C.E. 18/97/D. 4.3 concerning the support of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine and the invitation of the Director General by the Council in the third operative paragraph of the above-mentioned decision to gear some programmes of the 1998-2000 Plan to support the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine, and its adoption by the 6th General Conference and the special emphasis laid thereon;
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following :

- Thanks the Director General for his efforts in supporting the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine, as well as for the implementation of ISESCO's programmes in this respect;
- Registers ISESCO's eagerness to develop the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine and its solidarity with the Palestinian people;
- Invites all Member States to exert efforts and approach the parties and organizations concerned in order to support the Palestinian institutions in the fields of education, science and culture;
- Invites the Director General to proceed with gearing some programmes of the 1998-2000 Plan towards supporting the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine;
- Decides to include this item in the agenda of the 20th Session of the Council.

**Decision on Item 5.2 of the Agenda
(ISESCO's role in supporting Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of the Organization's Charter;
- Recalling the previous decisions adopted by the Executive Council concerning ISESCO's role in supporting Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, including the latest decision n° C.E. 18/97/D. 4.1 adopted by the Council at its 18th Session (Riyadh, 29/11/-04/12/1997) as well as by the General Conference in accordance with Resolution n° C.G. 6/97/R. 4.2;
- Considering the third operative paragraph of the Decision n° C.E. 18/97/D. 4.1 concerning the allocation of some programmes of ISESCO's 1998-2000 Plan for the benefit of the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina and its adoption by the General Conference and invitation of the Director General to follow up its implementation;
- Having considered document n° C.E. 19/98/5.2 concerning ISESCO's role in supporting the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the assistance provided by ISESCO to Bosnia-Herzegovina in this respect;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following :

- 1-** Thanks the Director General for his outstanding efforts in supporting the educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina;
- 2-** Reaffirms the previous decisions concerning the support of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Bosnia-Herzegovina and invites the Director General to follow up the implementation of these decisions;
- 3-** Invites Member States and specialized institutions to provide assistance to Bosnia-Herzegovina in the fields of education, science and culture;
- 4-** Includes this item in the Agenda of the 20th Session of the Executive Council.

**Decision on Item 5.3 of the Agenda
(ISESCO's role in supporting Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Institutions in Somalia)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of the Organization's Charter;
- Recalling Decision n° C.E. 18/97/D. 4.1 adopted by the Executive Council at its 18th Session (Riyadh, 29/11/-04/12/1997) and Resolution C.G. 6/97/R. 4.1 of the General Conference in which it adopted the said Executive Council Decision;
- Recalling the previous decisions and resolutions adopted by the sessions of the Executive Council and the General Conference concerning ISESCO's role in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Somalia;
- Having heard the representative of Somalia in the Executive Council;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following :

- Thanks the Director General for his efforts in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Somalia;
- Invites Member States to provide all the support to Somalia in order to develop its educational, scientific and cultural institutions;
- Invites the Director General to follow up the implementation of the programmes geared to educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Somalia in ISESCO's Plan for the years 1998-2000;
- Includes this item in the Agenda of the 20th Council Session.

**Decision on Item 5.4 of the Agenda
(ISESCO's role in supporting Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Institutions in Azerbaijan)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of the Organization's Charter;

- Recalling the previous decisions adopted by the Executive Council concerning ISESCO's role in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Azerbaijan and the resolutions of ISESCO's General Conference, including the last resolution C.G. 6/97/R. 4.3 adopted by the 6th General Conference;
- Having considered the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's role in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Azerbaijan contained in Document C.E. 19/98/D. 5.4;
- Having heard the representative of Azerbaijan;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following :

- 1- Thanks the Director General for his efforts in supporting educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Azerbaijan;
- 2- Reaffirms the previous decisions of the Executive Council and the resolutions of the General Conference in this respect;
- 3- Invites Member States to provide material and moral support to educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Azerbaijan.

Item 5.5 of the Agenda :
Establishment of the Islamic Federation
of Parents and Teachers Associations)
(Document C.E. 19/98/ 5.5)

- 28- The Deputy Director General made a presentation on the background of the document, in which he mentioned that the Islamic Republic of Iran had submitted a preliminary project on setting up a Federation of Parents and Teachers Associations in Member States with a view to promoting parental education within the framework of continuous education from an Islamic perspective, and activating the role of parents and teachers associations in education planning, management and funding.
- 29- In their discussions the Council members made a number of observations, such as :

- The federations of teachers are professional unions; associations of parents are non-governmental organizations. This conflicts with the status of ISESCO as an intergovernmental organization.
- The statutes of these federations and associations differ from one country to another, which makes it difficult to lump them together in one federation.
- In view of the importance of parental education, the Organization may set up programmes and activities in this domain, and give assistance to Member States in this respect.

The Council took the following decision afterwards :

**Decision on Item 5.5 of the Agenda
(Establishment of the Islamic Federation
of the Parents and Teachers Associations)**

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of articles 2, 4 and 5, paragraph (d), of the Charter;
- Taking into consideration the importance of establishing the Islamic Federation of the Parents and Teachers Associations to promote educational action in ISESCO's Member States;
- Having considered this project in Document C.E. 19/98/5.5 and appreciated the proposal put forward by the Ministry of Education in the Islamic Republic of Iran in this respect;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following :

- 1- Thanks the Islamic Republic of Iran for its initiative aiming at fostering interest in parental education in the countries of the Islamic world;
- 2- Invites the Director General to prepare an in-depth study of all dimensions of the subject, taking into consideration the observations made by the Council members, and to submit it to the Council's 20th Session.

Item 5.6 of the Agenda :
Opening a Regional ISESCO Office in Sharjah
(Document C.E. 19/98/5.6)

30- In his presentation of this document, the Director General stated that the State of the United Arab Emirates had made a proposal aiming at opening a regional office of the Islamic Organization, in Sharjah, in light of Article 2 of the Organization's Charter. The Director General emphasized the readiness of the Emirate of Sharjah to provide the building, equipment and furniture, and foot the electricity and water bills of the office. He also mentioned the firm will of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan Ben Mohammed Al-Qasim, Governor of Sharjah, to sponsor educational activities in the Islamic world, and pointed out his keen interest in making this office a center for cultural radiance in the region as well as for coordination of efforts in this domain.

31- The Council members praised the initiative made by the State of the United Arab Emirates to open the office, stressing the need for a conception of efficient mechanisms in light of which regional offices of the Islamic Organization would be set up.

The Council took the following decision :

Decision on Item 5.6 of the Agenda
(Opening of ISESCO's Regional Office in Sharjah,
State of the United Arab Emirates)

The Executive Council :

- In accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of ISESCO's Charter;
- Having considered Document C.E. 19/98/5.6;
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place;

Decides the following :

- 1-** Thanks the State of the United Arab Emirates for its continuous support for the Islamic Organization and its generous will to promote cooperation with ISESCO;

- 2- Approves, in principle, the opening of ISESCO's Regional Office in Sharjah, State of the United Arab Emirates in response to its request;
- 3- Invites the Director General to proceed with his contacts with the State of the United Arab Emirates with a view to reaching an agreement about the headquarters of the above-mentioned Office for submission to the Executive Council and the General Conference for adoption;
- 4- Calls for conducting a comprehensive study on the creation of ISESCO Offices in the Member States and presenting it to the Executive Council in its coming session.

Item 6.1 of the Agenda :
Time and Venue of the 20th Council Session
(Document C.E. 19/98/6.1)

32- After deliberations, the Council took the following decision :

Decision on Item 6.1 of the Agenda
(Date and Venue of the 20th Session
of the Executive Council)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council of the Organization;
- Having considered Document C.E. 19/98/D. 5.1 concerning the date and venue of the 20th Session of the Council;

Decides the following :

Convenes its 20 Session, in Rabat, in the second half of November 1999.

Closing Session : Monday, 3 Shaaban 1419 A.H./23 November 1998 A.D.

33. At the beginning of the session, the Council examined the Draft Final Report. After making some comments on the Draft Report, the Council members adopted it unanimously.

- 34.** Pursuant to the mandate given to the Director General by the Council in connection with the constitution of an expert committee to examine the observations of the Member States regarding the Organization's Draft Medium-Term Plan for the Years 2001-2009, the Director General proposed the following Member States to be members of the committee : Republic of Senegal, Republic of Sierra Leone, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Arab Republic of Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, and Malaysia.

The proposal was approved unanimously by the Council.

- 35.** H.E. Prof. Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad, Chairman of the Executive Council, took the floor afterwards, thanking Almighty Allah for the success of the Session's proceedings, and commending the General Directorate of the Organization, on the forefront of which was its Director General, for the excellent preparation of documents and for their quality, which paved the way for the Session's success. He also extended special thanks to the Council members for their confidence as well as for the efforts they exerted to bring to fruition the Session's proceedings. In the end of his statement, he conveyed thanks and appreciation to His Majesty King Hassan II, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco, in recognition of the unflagging support and generous care bestowed upon ISESCO.

*(Annex : 8, Address by H.E. Prof. Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad,
Chairman of the Executive Council)*

- 36.** Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, Director General of ISESCO, took the floor afterwards, praising Almighty Allah for the success of the Session's proceedings, and highlighting that the success of that Session as well as all other Council sessions was the fruit of the deep-seated faith in the Organization's mission and objectives, on the one hand, and the outcome of the cooperation between the General Directorate and the Council members, on the other, a cooperation founded on a profound mutual confidence and a sincere dedication to work. He indicated, at the same time, that such success was ascribed to diligent work and unflagging effort, emphasizing the General Directorate's eagerness to enforce the Council's recommendations and decisions, and its firm resolve to pursue performance with sincere dedication in order to further develop the Organization and raise its status amongst regional and international organizations. In conclusion of his address, he expressed thanks and appreciation to all the Council members for their unreserved cooperation and good understanding, extending special thanks

and appreciation to the President of the General Conference for his presence at the Council Session and attendance of its proceedings, and requesting him to convey to the Government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz Al Saud, the thanks and consideration of the Islamic Organization for the support provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Organization. He, likewise, expressed sincere thanks and profound gratitude to His Majesty King Hassan II, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco, and to his esteemed Government, for the support and assistance extended to the Organization.

*(Annex : 9, Address by Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri,
Director General of the Islamic Organization)*

37. The floor was then taken by H.E. Dr. Khaled Ibn Muhammad Lankari, President of the Sixth General Conference of the Organization, Minister of Higher Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, who highlighted the importance of the topics discussed, commending the comprehensive report of the Director General on accomplishments and the projects implemented between the 18th and 19th Council sessions. He hailed the efforts exerted by the General Directorate, its sound management, its eagerness to rationalize expenditures and its response to the Member States' needs during planning and implementation. In his statement, he also emphasized the eagerness of the Government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to pursue support of joint Islamic action and its specialized organizations on all levels.

He then expressed thanks and appreciation to the Director General of the Organization and his assistants for their generous welcome and good care, extending special thanks to the Chairman of the Executive Council for his excellent chairmanship and good steering of the Session's proceedings as well as to all his colleagues the Council members in recognition of the seriousness and objectivity they demonstrated during discussions.

In conclusion of his statement, he extended thanks and appreciation to His Majesty King Hassan II, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco, to his judicious Government, and to his noble people for the generous support and lofty care taken of ISESCO.

*(Annex : 10, Address by H.E. Dr. Khaled Ibn Muhammad Lankari,
President of the Sixth General Conference of the Organization,
Minister of Higher Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)*

38. The Executive Council addressed, afterwards, to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz Al Saud, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, a message of congratulations on the occasion of the close Centennial of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

*(Annex : 11, Message addressed to the Custodian
of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz Al Saud,
Sovereign of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)*

39. At the close of the Session, the Executive Council addressed a message of thanks and gratitude to His Majesty King Hassan II, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco, for his unflagging support and generous care to the Islamic Organization.

*(Annex : 12, Message to His Majesty King Hassan II,
Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco)*

Final Report