

The 28th Session of the Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization -ISESCO-

Final Report

Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco: 9 July 2007

Final Report

With the help of Allah, the Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization -ISESCO- held its 28th session at the Organization's permanent headquarters, on Monday 23 Jumada II, 1428 A.H. corresponding to 9 July 2007. The proceedings of the session were attended by the members of the Council and their accompanying delegations, except for the representatives of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Tajikistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Republic of Suriname, Republic of Sierra Leone, Republic of Iraq and Republic of Lebanon (Annex 1: list of attending members of the Executive Council or their representatives).

The opening session was held in the presence of His Excellency Dr. Boubakar Doukouré, Chairman of the Executive Council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, His Excellency Dr. Habib El Malki, Minister of National Education, Higher Education, Executive Training and Scientific Research of the Kingdom of Morocco, President of the 9th General Conference, His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, a number of Member States' Ambassadors accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco, the representatives of regional and international organizations and a host of intellectuals and journalists.

The session was opened with the recitation of some verses of the Holy Quran. Then, His Excellency Dr. Boubakar Doukouré, Chairman of the Executive Council of ISESCO, made an address in which he first expressed his pleasure to take on his tasks as Chairman of the Executive Council of ISESCO. He also expressed his thanks and gratitude for the trust put in him, reaffirming his determination to work jointly with his colleagues the members of the Council towards implementing the role of the Executive Council to serve ISESCO's civilizational mission. He pointed out that the most valuable lesson to draw from ISESCO Silver Jubilee is dedication in work that yields good results and perseverance of efforts to achieve the best outcome. He lauded the significant efforts led by His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, the Director General of ISESCO, to boost the performance of ISESCO at all levels.

In his address, His Excellency Dr. Habib El Malki, Minister of National Education, Higher Education, Executive Training and Scientific Research in the Moroccan government and President of ISESCO's Ninth General Conference, welcomed the members of the Executive Council. He also congratulated His Excellency Dr. Boubakar Doukouré for his election as Chairman of the Executive Council, lauding the achievements that ISESCO made in its fields of competence over the past period. Furthermore, he commended the Three-Year Action Plan for the Years 2007-2009 as well as ISESCO's programmes that are ever-developing and meet the requirements of globalization. He also praised the General Directorate of the Organization and the Director General who has made

a number of achievements for the Organization and is still deploying efforts in total dedication. Besides, he lauded the outstanding efforts of the Organization in the field of dialogue among cultures, civilisations and religions as a means of promoting peace and coexistence among nations and peoples. Moreover, he said that this session coincides with the launch of the implementation of ISESCO Three-Year Action Plan for the Years 2007-2009 which features a comprehensive strategic approach to the issues of education, science, culture and communication following an integrated and harmonized vision; this Action Plan also displays a genuine willingness to develop ISESCO's action for the benefit of Member States. Besides, he called for intensifying efforts to achieve the objectives set out in this Plan and enhancing cooperation between ISESCO and similar regional and international organizations.

Afterwards, His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, made an address in which he first expressed his delight at the convening of this session for the first time in this period, in accordance with a resolution by ISESCO 9th General Conference. He pointed out that this is the first session under the 2007-2009 Three-Year Action Plan, and is held just after the celebration of ISESCO Silver Jubilee, that is after 25 years of commendable achievements in the history of ISESCO which have made its towering reputation, strengthened its presence, and opened wider horizons for it on the pathway of fruitful action on various levels for the benefit of the Member States.

The Director General explained that ISESCO's action under the present Action Plan targets four strategic objectives, namely: to develop the educational system, the aim being to reduce illiteracy in its general acceptance and contribute to providing education for all and achieving sustainable development; to promote scientific research in a bid to disseminate knowledge and channel its results into development; to enhance the role of cultural action in the process for achieving societal development and establishing peace and coexistence among peoples; and to bridge the digital divide between the Member States and the developed countries. He also underscored the growing scope of relations of cooperation and partnership between ISESCO and the relevant international and regional organizations, which contributes to the fulfillment of the said objectives and steps up the Member States' efforts towards achieving sustainable development. In this respect, the Director General mentioned the establishment by ISESCO of the Supreme Consultative Council for Bringing Islamic Madhahibs Closer Together as part of the implementation mechanisms of the Strategy for Bringing Islamic Madhahibs Closer Together. In addition, he pointed out to ISESCO's contribution, together with UNESCO, ALECSO and ABEGS, to the setting up of the Forum of Arab Parliamentarians for Education which constitutes a framework for developing cooperation and partnership among legislative institutions in the Member States and the organizations active in the fields of education, science and culture.

At the close of the opening session, His Excellency Mr. Salah Sourour, Member of the Executive Council, representing Her Excellency Sheikha Ahmed Al Mahmoud, the Minister of Education in the State of Qatar, presented the Shield of the Ministry of Education of the State of Qatar to His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, the Director General of ISESCO, in appreciation of his efforts to develop education and promote its fields within ISESCO Member States.

For his part, His Excellency Mr. Ismail Tellawi, Member of the Executive Council, representing the State of Palestine, alongside His Excellency Mr. Hassan Abdurrahman, Ambassador of the State of Palestine in Rabat, gave a miniature of the Holy Dome of the Rock to His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, the Director General of ISESCO, as a present from the State of Palestine to the permanent headquarters of the Organization. Mr. Tellawi made a speech on the occasion wherein he lauded the relentless efforts His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri is exerting to promote the educational process in Palestine, particularly in Al Qods, through supporting its educational, scientific and cultural institutions.

At the opening of the first working session, the Chairman of the Executive Council welcomed the new members of the Executive Council, namely the representatives of the Republic of Djibouti, Republic of Iraq, Republic of Gabon, Republic of Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, State of Kuwait and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. Then, he presented the draft agenda and draft programme of the 28th Session. After discussion, they were adopted as in the version annexed (annexes 2 and 3).

The Director General submitted the **Financial Report and Closing Accounts for the Year 2006 which include the closing accounts of the period between 1 January and 31 December 2006**, showing that the overall contributions received from the Member States during the year 2006 totalled US\$ 9,457,879 of which US\$ 6.638.697 were collected within the framework of the contributions scheduled for the year 2006, and that the collected contributions represent only 48% of the amount scheduled in the annual budget. He also stated that the off-budget resources which were collected as donations totalled US\$ 593,363; they consisted of support from the Ministry of Higher Education of the State of Kuwait amounting to US\$ 300,000; support from the World Islamic Call Society in the Great Jamahiriya amounting to US\$ 249,899 for the implementation of the Arabic language teaching programme in the African Sahel; support from the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs of the State of Kuwait reaching US\$ 24,884; and support from the International Islamic Charitable Organization in the State of Kuwait with an amount of US\$

18,480. This was the result of extensive personal contact made by the Director General of the Organization.

ISESCO Director General explained that -since the Member States have for the most part defaulted on payment of their contributions to the budget adoptedthe Organization has adopted a policy to rationalize expenditure within the resources available as well as according to the priorities and needs of each of the Member States and heeding the observations of the Executive Council.

Moreover, the Director General pointed out that the actual expenditure in 2006 reached US\$ 9,432,037. An amount of US\$ 6,321,579 has been allotted for the implementation of support programmes and activities, accounting for 67% of the overall amount of expenditures.

The report also included the closing account and the operating account, up to 31 December 2006, of the End-of-Service-Allowance Fund and the Medical Insurance Fund for ISESCO Staff.

The representative of the Audit Company presented the Audit Report on the Accounts of the Organization for Financial Year 2006. He commended the accuracy of the accounting procedures adopted and the soundness of the Organization's accounts, and explained that the operating account is consistent with the amounts kept in the records of the Organization. The report also indicates that there was no violation of the procedures in force at ISESCO and the decisions that regulate the work of the Organization and that the Organization's accounts are kept in accordance with generally recognized accounting procedures and the Financial Regulations of the Organization.

The Chairman of the Financial Control Committee presented the report of the Committee for Financial Year 2006. He explained that the Committee examined the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for 2006 and the Report of the Audit Company on the Accounts of the Organization for Financial Year 2006, and noted that these reports give a full and clear idea of the income and expenditure of the Organization. The Committee commended the judicious policy followed by the General Directorate and its efforts to implement the general policy, programmes and activities as well as the good administrative and financial working method followed for years. The report of the Committee also lauded the increase in number and variety of the programmes implemented in 2006. Furthermore, it thanked the Member States that have settled their contributions to the budget of the Organization in 2006, and exhorted those that have not yet paid up their contributions to benefit from the exemptions adopted in this regard by settling their contributions and arrears to the budget of the Organization at their earliest convenience.

During the discussions, the Council members expressed their satisfaction for earmarking a large share of the Organization's budget to the implementation of programmes and activities which accounted for 67% of the Organization's overall budget. They also invited the General Directorate to schedule more activities for the benefit of the most needy Member States while ensuring balanced geographical representation among Member States with respect to international positions, in the light of ISESCO's organizational chart. In addition, they conveyed their thanks to the personalities and parties who have made donations in support of the Organization; they also commended the generous donation of two million US dollars made by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, as a contribution to the costs of construction of ISESCO Permanent Headquarters. Besides, they decided to address a message of thanks and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for this generous donation. Moreover, they commended the Director General's efforts in rationalizing expenditure and in abiding by the recommendations put forward by the Financial Control Committee and the Audit Company. After deliberations, the Council adopted the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for Financial Year 2006 (from 1 January to 31 December 2006), Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for Year 2006; it also agreed to submit these reports to the 10th General Conference and recommended their adoption.

Then, the Director General presented his report on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization. In this regard, he gave an account of Member States' contributions to the Organization's budget for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006, including the previous years, the situation of arrears and the efforts deployed by the Executive Council and the Director General to urge Member States to settle their contributions to the Organization's budget. The Director General pointed out that the contributions received during the year 2006 reached US\$ 9,457,879, of which a sum of US\$ 6,638,697 is paid under the financial year 2006, and a sum of US\$ 2,819,182 representing contributions for the previous years.

As for contributions in arrears, the Director General stated that they reached US\$ 65,986,273 from 1982 up to December 2006 whereas the arrears under the financial year 2006 totalled US\$ 7,129,955.

As part of the interest the Executive Council is giving to this subject, the Director General pointed out to the intensive efforts he is deploying to urge a number of Member States to pay up their contributions and settle their arrears within the framework of the Resolution of the 8th General Conference on facilitations for the settlement of arrears. In this regard, he said that 20 Member

States have to date benefited by this Resolution. He also urged Member States with arrears to benefit by the facilitations granted in this regard, while recalling the Resolution of the 9th General Conference whereby it was agreed that the Resolution of the 8th General Conference on facilitations for the settlement of arrears be extended for another two years as of 2007.

After deliberations, the Council adopted the Report of the Director General on Member States' Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing the Financial Situation of the Organization. It also commended the Resolution of the 9th General Conference on extending the effect of the Resolution of the 8th General Conference on facilitations for paying up contributions in arrears to the Organization's budget for another two years up to the end of 2008. Moreover, the Council extended thanks to the Director General for his efforts in intensifying contact with Member States to collect maximum contributions, while calling him to pursue coordination and counsel with Member States with arrears through the National Commissions and the members of the General Conference and the Executive Council in order to collect these arrears. In addition, the Council agreed to submit the said report to the 10th General Conference and recommended its adoption.

The Executive Council approved the naming of the halls, rooms and pavilions of the permanent headquarters after their Majesties and Highnesses Kings and Princes of Member States, in appreciation of their generous donations towards the construction of the permanent headquarters, as follows:

- 1. The Conference Hall: Hall of Islamic Solidarity;
- **2.** Meeting Room I: Room of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud;
- 3. Meeting Room II: Room of His Majesty King Hassan II;
- **4.** Pavilion A (fourth floor): Pavilion of His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyane;
- **5.** Pavilion B (fourth flour): Pavilion of His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al- Ahmad Al-Sabah;
- **6.** The Library: Library of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said.
- 7. The Mosque: Mosque of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan Al Qasimi;
- **8.** VIP Lounge: Room of His Royal Highness Prince Talal Bin Abdulaziz;

The Council also decided to create a commemorative plaque bearing the names of personalities who made donations for the construction of the Headquarters as well as the name of the Director General who has exerted tremendous efforts in its completion.

The Council issued a decision commending the outstanding achievements of His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri at the head of the General Directorate of ISESCO, and lauding his remarkable contribution to boosting ISESCO's action and performance. It also called upon the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to nominate him at the head of the General Directorate for a new term and recommended the 10th General Conference to re-elect him as Director General of the Islamic Organization.

The Council issued a decision wherein he called upon the Member States and international bodies to extend further support and assistance to the Palestinian people with a view to promoting their educational, scientific and cultural institutions, and to enhance ISESCO's activities and projects geared to this end.

The Director General submitted the document on **the establishment of an Islamic Youth Parliament**, recalling the Decision of the 27th session of the Executive Council which called upon the Director General to cooperate and coordinate with the **Islamic Conference Youth Forum**, whose establishment was adopted by the 32nd session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, as an international institution for youth, reporting to the OIC, and working towards entrenching the values of dialogue among cultures and civilizations. The Director General pointed out in that regard that ISESCO initiated the signature of a protocol of cooperation with that forum on 19 June 2006, in Baku, capital of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in order to implement a set of activities for the benefit of youth in the Islamic world, as from November of the current year.

Following the deliberations, the Council welcomed the resolution of the 32nd session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, which calls for setting up the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation, in Istanbul (Republic of Turkey) and accordingly concluded that it is useless to establish an Islamic Youth Parliament to avoid wasteful duplication of effort. The Council also congratulated the Director General on his election as a member of the Forum's Board of Trustees, and called upon him to carry on his efforts in that field to serve the educational, scientific and cultural issues of common interest.

Following the presentation of the Director General, the Council elected the members of the Financial Control Committee, for the next three-year term, from the following countries: Burkina Faso, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Yemen, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

The Council endorsed the appointment of **Dr. Hadi Azizzadeh as Deputy Director General** of ISESCO for another three-year mandate starting as of 1st January 2008.

The Council decided to hold its 29th Session in the first week of July 2008 at ISESCO permanent headquarters in Rabat.

Then, the Council unanimously adopted the final report of the 28th session.

At the closing session, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of ISESCO, made an address whereby he extended thanks to the members of the Executive Council for the views and proposals they put forward to enhance the Organization's action and congratulated them on the successful outcome of this session. He also underscored that promising revenues have opened up for ISESCO, which requires all parties to develop the action led by the Organization in its fields of competence in such a way as to contribute to the civilizational revival of the Ummah.

His Excellency Dr. Hadi Azizzadeh gave an address in which he thanked the members of the Executive Council for the renewal of his appointment as Deputy Director General of ISESCO; he also promised to pursue his work in an earnest and dedicated way, under the direction of Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, the Director General of ISESCO.

In his capacity as President of UNESCO's General Conference, His Excellency Dr. Musa bin Jaafar presented UNESCO's 60th Anniversary Medal to the Director General of ISESCO following the International Conference on Doping in Sport which was co-organized in Tunis in July 2007 by ISESCO, UNESCO and the Tunisian government.

Then, Dr. Boubakar Doukouré, Chairman of the Executive Council, delivered an address wherein he conveyed his thanks to the Council, while expressing his great satisfaction at the successful outcome of the session and its judicious decisions. He also extended his thanks and congratulations to the Director General of ISESCO for the successful outcome of the session.

Afterwards, the members of the Executive Council addressed a message of thanks and appreciation to His Majesty King Mohammad VI of the Kingdom of Morocco, as a token of gratitude for the care given by His Majesty and the facilities extended by his government to the mission of the Islamic Organization -ISESCO-.



DECISIONS OF THE 28TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SESSION

Permanent Headquarters, Rabat 23 Jumada II 1428 A.H./9 July 2007



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<u>Decision on Item 1.1 of the Agenda :</u> (Draft Agenda)

The Executive Council.

- In accordance with Articles (22-24) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Having considered the Draft Agenda of its 28th Session contained in Document (CE28/2007/1.1 Provisional),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Agenda of its current 28th Session as contained in Document (CE28/2007/1.1 Adopted) annexed to the Final Report of this Session.



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<u>Decision on Item 1.2 of the Agenda:</u> (Draft Programme)

The Executive Council,

- Recalling Decision (CE 27/2006/D.3.2) adopted by the Executive Council at its 27th Session (Rabat, 4 5 December 2006), whereby the Council decided to hold its 28th Session in July 2007 at ISESCO's Permanent Headquarters in Rabat, capital of the Kingdom of Morocco,
- Considering Decision (CE 28/2007/D.1.1) adopted by the Council regarding the Agenda of its current 28th Session,
- Having considered the Draft Programme contained in Document (CE28/2007/1.2 Provisional),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- Adopts the Programme of its current 28th Session as contained in Document (CE28/2007/1.2 Adopted) annexed to the Final Report of this Session.



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Decision on Item 2.1 of the Agenda:

(Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for the Year 2006,

Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the Year 2006)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the following:
 - * Articles (16) and (19) of the Charter,
 - * Article (20), paragraphs (b,e,f,g) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.
 - * Articles (19-20) and Articles (24-29) of the Financial Regulations,
- In implementation of Decision (CE 27/2006/D.2.10) adopted by the Executive Council at its 27th session,
- Having considered the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for the year 2006, Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the year 2006, as contained in Document (CE 28/2007/2.1),
- Having heard the explanations given by the Director General in this connection,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

- 1. Adopts the Financial Report of the Director General and Closing Accounts for the year 2006, Report of the Audit Company and Report of the Financial Control Committee for the year 2006, as contained in Document (CE 28/2007/2.1).
- **2.** Commends the efforts of the Director General in collecting financial resources, rationalizing expenditure and improving the Organization's working mechanisms, and

- invites him to continue his endeavours and carry on his fruitful efforts to obtain further support for the Organization's activities.
- **3.** Invites the Director General to take all measures necessary for ensuring balanced geographical representation for the Member States in international functions, in the light of ISESCO's organizational chart, and in accordance with the Organization's effective needs.
- **4.** Thanks all personalities and parties that have made donations to support the Organization.
- **5.** Thanks the Financial Control Committee and the Audit Company for preparing the report.
- **6.** Agrees to submit this report to the forthcoming General Conference and recommends its adoption.



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Decision on Item 2.2 of the Agenda:

(Report of the Director General on Member States'
Contributions to the Organization's Budget and on Redressing
the Financial Situation of the Organization)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (6) of the Financial Regulations,
- Recalling the decisions and resolutions adopted by previous Executive Council and General Conference Sessions in this connection, in particular the following:
 - * Resolution (CG 7/2000/R.2.5) adopted by the General Conference at its 7th Session (Rabat 22-24 November 2000) inviting the Director General to arrange special visits to the Member States with arrears, to meet officials and to intensify efforts with a view to urging Member States to settle their contributions and pay up their arrears,
 - * Resolution (CG 8/2003/R.3.2) adopted by the 8th General Conference (Tehran, 27-29 December 2003),
 - * Resolution (CG 9/2006/R.2.11) adopted by the 9th General Conference (Rabat, 8 10 December 2006),
 - * Decision (CE 24/2003/D.3.2) adopted by the Executive Council at its 24th Session (Tehran, 21-25 December 2003), whereby it adopted the Council's report on the criteria and modalities concerning the exemption of Member States with arrears from payment thereof,
 - * Decision (CE 27/2006/D.2.11) adopted by the Executive Council at its 27th Session (Rabat, 4-5 December 2006),
- Having heard the presentation made by the Director General in this respect,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

- 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 (CE 28/2007/2.2).
- **2.** Expresses thanks and appreciation to the Director General for his efforts to intensify contact with the Member States in order to collect maximum contributions, as well as for his efforts to promote cooperation with international organizations in order to support the Organization's activities and programmes.
- **3.** Calls upon the Member States which have not yet paid up their contributions to the Organization and those in arrears to settle their contributions and arrears in the shortest possible time, in order to honour their commitments and enable the Organization to discharge its duties.
- **4.** Invites the Director General to further coordination and consultation with the Member States with arrears in order to collect the arrears and agree on practical mechanisms for payment thereof, in accordance with the relevant decisions and resolutions of the Executive Council and the General Conference.
- **5.** Agrees to submit this report to the forthcoming General Conference and recommends its adoption.



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Decision on Item 3.1 of the Agenda:

(Project of Establishing an Islamic Youth Parliament)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (20), paragraph (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Recalling Decision (CE 26/2005/D.3.1) adopted by the Executive Council at its 26th Session (Rabat, 12-14 December 2005),
- Recalling Resolution (CG 9/2006/R.3.1) adopted by the General Conference at its 9th session (Rabat, 8-10 December 2006),
- Having considered the report as contained in Document (CE 28/2007/3.1),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

- 1- Welcomes the resolution of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers at its 32nd session (Sana'a Republic of Yemen, 28-30 June 2005) concerning the establishment of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation, headquartered in Turkey.
- 2- Congratulates the Director General on his election as member of the Board of Trustees of the Forum and invites him to pursue his efforts to support and serve educational, scientific and cultural issues of common interest.



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Decision on Item 3.2 of the Agenda:

(Election of the Financial Control Committee)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with:
 - * Articles (12) and (19) of the Charter,
 - * Article (20), paragraph (e) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
 - * Article (24) of the Financial Regulations,
- Having considered Document (CE 28/2007/3.2) concerning the election of the Financial Control Committee members,
- Considering the expiry of the three-year term of the current Committee, which was elected by the 25th Executive Council Session according to Decision (CE 25/2004/D.3.5),
- Recalling the Resolution of the General Conference at its 9th Session concerning the expansion of its functions and the increase of its members,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

- **1-** Elects the following States as Members of the Financial Control Committee for a three-year term:
 - * Burkina Faso
 - * People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
 - * Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 - * Republic of Kazakhstan
 - * Republic of Yemen
- **2-** Calls upon the Member States which are members of this Committee to nominate their representatives from among experts and specialists in the field.
- 3- Invites the Committee to seek the assistance of a technical audit company in order to take stock of the general 8 n of the Headquarters and include its observations and proposals in the report of the Committee for the following session.



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Decision on Item 3.3 of the Agenda:

(Endorsing the appointment of the Deputy Director General)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with Article (12, III), paragraph (K) of the Charter,
- In accordance with the provisions of Article (20), paragraph (K) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,
- Recalling Decision (CE25/2004/D.3.6) adopted by the Executive Council at its 25th Session,
- Considering the presentation made by the Director General,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

1 – Endorses the appointment of Dr. Hadi Azizzadeh as Deputy Director General for a three-year term as of 1st January 2008.



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Decision on Item 4.1 of the Agenda:

(Date and Venue of the 29th Executive Council Session)

The Executive Council,

- In accordance with the provisions of Article (9) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, whereby the Council sets, during each one of its sessions, the date and venue of the following session,
- Having considered Document (CE 28/2007/4.1),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- Convenes the 29th Session of the Executive Council in the first week of July 2008 at ISESCO's Permanent Headquarters in Rabat.



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Decision on:

(The names of the halls, rooms and pavilions of the permanent headquarters of the Organization)

The Executive Council.

- In appreciation and recognition of the donations Their Majesties and Their Highnesses the Kings and Princes of the Member States have made toward the construction of the permanent headquarters of the Organization,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

- Names the halls, rooms and pavilions of the permanent headquarters as follows:
 - a. The Conference Hall: Hall of Islamic Solidarity.
 - b. Meeting Room I: Room of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.
 - c. Meeting Room II: Room of His Majesty King Hassan II.
 - d. Pavilion A (fourth floor): **Pavilion of His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyane**.
 - e. Pavilion B (fourth flour): **Pavilion of His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah**.
 - f. The Library: Library of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said.
 - g. The Mosque: Mosque of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan Al Qasimi.
 - h. VIP Lounge: Room of His Royal Highness Prince Talal Bin Abdulaziz.



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Decision on:

(The Director General)

The Executive Council,

- Having taken stock of the considerable efforts being led by Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, the Director General,
- Having reviewed the outstanding achievements made by the Organization with the help of Allah, and thanks to the Director General's continuous efforts and dedicated endeavours, both in terms of good implementation of programmes and activities, sound management of the General Directorate, renewal and renovation in the successive action plans he supervised in preparation and implementation, and in terms of establishing a broad network of cooperation and partnership with international and regional organizations and fostering the presence of the Organization in international conferences and forums, to convey the Islamic civilizational message to the international community, redress false information on the image of Islam and Muslims, and support Islamic communities and minorities all over the world,

- <u>Lauds</u> the Director General's efforts, achievements and strenuous action to develop ISESCO, broaden the scope of its action and extend its radiance on the horizons.
- <u>Invites</u> the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to nominate him for a new mandate at the head of the General Directorate.
- **Recommends** his re-election as Director General to the 10th General Conference.



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Decision on:

(The Situation in Palestine)

The Executive Council.

- Having reviewed the aggravating situation in the Palestinian territories due to the Israeli occupation authorities' escalated aggression and tightened siege against the Palestinian people and their criminal acts including killing, deportation and detention of Palestinian citizens, in addition to the demolition of their houses and public utilities,
- Expressing its deep concern for the recent disputes among the Palestinian factions which claimed Palestinian lives and which are exploited by the Israeli occupation authorities in an attempt to tear apart the unity of the Palestinian people,

- **Reiterates** its entire solidarity with the Palestinian people in its cleaving to its national unity, and **supports** its legitimate struggle to end the Israeli occupation and to establish the independent Palestinian State with Al-Quds as its capital.
- <u>Calls upon</u> all the Palestinian leaderships to close ranks, discard discord, put national interest above all other interests, and sit for dialogue in order to find a way out of this crisis in accordance with Makkah Al-Mukarramah Agreement.
- <u>Urges</u> all Member States and all international and regional organizations to extend their financial and technical support for the educational, cultural and scientific institutions in the Palestinian territories.