



Resolutions of the 4th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers

*(Algiers, People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
3-4 Zul Qi'da, 1425 A.H. / 15-16 December 2004)*

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Resolution on the Adoption of the Draft Agenda

The 4th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, in Algiers, on 3-4 Zul Qi'da, 1425 A.H. / 15-16 December 2004,

- Having considered the Draft Agenda of its 4th Session contained in document (ICCM4/2004/1.1),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following :

- Adopts the Agenda of its current 4th Session as contained in document (ICCM4/2004/1.1).

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Resolution on the Adoption of the Draft Programme

The 4th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, in Algiers, on 3-4 Zul Qi'da, 1425 A.H. / 15-16 December 2004,

- Having considered the Draft Programme of its 4th Session contained in document (ICCM4/2004/1.2),
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following :

- Adopts the Programme of its current 4th Session as contained in document (ICCM4/2004/1.2 amended).

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Resolution on the Composition of the Bureau of the Conference

The 4th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, in Algiers, on 3-4 Zul Qi'da, 1425 A.H. / 15-16 December 2004,

Decides the following :

- Elects the Bureau of the 4th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers as follows:
 - **Chairman:** People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
 - **Vice-Chairmen:**
 - Malaysia
 - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 - Burkina Faso
 - **Rapporteur :** State of Qatar

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Resolution on the National reports of the Member States and their efforts within the framework of implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World

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- Taking into account the national reports of the Member States pertaining to the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having heard the presentations made by the heads of delegation of the Member States in this connection,

Decides the following :

- Takes cognizance of the national reports of the Member States, under the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, and invites them to pursue the energization of this Strategy and translate it into action, taking into account the needs of each individual country and keeping in line with its general policy.

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Resolution on the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's efforts in implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World

The 4th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, in Algiers, on 3-4 Zul Qi'da 1425 A.H. / 15-16 December 2004,

- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference along with the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the 3rd Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization along with the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolutions of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference, the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the 8th session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs concerning the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and as regards ISESCO,
- Recalling the Resolution of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in this connection,
- Having examined the recommendations issued by the 3rd and 4th meetings of the Consultative Council for the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having considered the report of the Director General on the implementation of the resolutions of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers pertaining to the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

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Resolution on the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's efforts in following up the implementation of the programme of Islamic culture capitals

The 4th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, in Algiers, on 3-4 Zul Qi'da 1425 A.H. / 15-16 December 2004,

- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the 3rd Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolutions of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference, the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the 8th session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs concerning the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and as regards ISESCO,
- Recalling the resolution of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in this connection,
- Having examined the recommendations issued by the 3rd and 4th meetings of the Consultative Council for the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having considered the report of the Director General on ISESCO's efforts in following up the implementation of the programme of Islamic culture capitals,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

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Resolution on the Report of the Director General on the Project of the Islamic Satellite Channel

The 4th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, in Algiers, on 3-4 Zul Qi'da 1425 A.H. / 15-16 December 2004,

- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the 3rd Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolutions of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference, the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the 8th session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs concerning the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and as regards ISESCO,
- Recalling the Resolution of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in this connection,
- Having taken cognizance of the recommendations issued by the 3rd and 4th meetings of the Consultative Council for the Implementation of the Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having considered the report of the Director General on the Project of the Islamic Satellite Channel,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

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Resolution on the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's efforts in the field of dialogue among cultures and civilizations

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- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference along with the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the 3rd Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization along with the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolutions of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference, the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the 8th session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs concerning the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and as regards ISESCO,
- Recalling the Resolution of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in this connection,
- Having examined the recommendations issued by the 3rd and 4th meetings of the Consultative Council for the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having considered, with interest, the laudable initiative taken by H.E. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, to host in Dakar in 2005 an international conference on Islamic-Christian dialogue, before the 11th OIC Summit that will be held in Senegal in 2006.

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Resolution on ISESCO's perception of the ways to deal with the world changes within the framework of its fields of action

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- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the 3rd Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolutions of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference, the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the 8th session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs concerning the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and as regards ISESCO,
- Recalling the Resolution of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in this connection,
- Considering the Resolution of the 8th Session of the General Conference of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in this connection,
- Having taken cognizance of the document pertaining to ISESCO's perception of the ways to deal with the world changes within the framework of its fields of action,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

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Resolution on the general framework of the action programme aiming at refuting the smear campaigns in the media against Islam and Islamic civilization

The 4th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, in Algiers, on 3-4 Zul Qi'da 1425 A.H. / 15-16 December 2004,

- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the 3rd Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolutions of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference, the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the 8th session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs concerning the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and as regards ISESCO,
- Recalling the Resolution of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in this connection,
- Having examined the recommendations issued by the 3rd and 4th meetings of the Consultative Council for the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the document concerning the general framework of the action programme aiming at refuting the smear campaigns in the media against Islam and Islamic civilization,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place.

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Resolution on the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's efforts as regards the implementation of the Strategy for Islamic Cultural Action in the West

The 4th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, in Algiers, on 3-4 Zul Qi'da 1425 A.H. / 15-16 December 2004,

- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the 3rd Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolutions of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference, the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the 8th session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs concerning the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and as regards ISESCO,
- Recalling the Resolution of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in this regards,
- Having examined the document concerning the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's efforts as regards the implementation of the Strategy for Islamic Cultural Action in the West,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

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Resolution on the Study on the Islamic Cultural Landscape in the West: Constants and Variables

The 4th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, in Algiers, on 3-4 Zul Qi'da 1425 A.H. / 15-16 December 2004,

- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the 3rd Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolutions of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference, the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the 8th session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs concerning the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and as regards ISESCO,
- Having examined the study on "the Islamic Cultural Landscape in the West : Constants and Variables", which was prepared by ISESCO,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- 1- **Adopts** the Study on the Islamic Cultural Landscape in the West: Constants and Variables, taking into account the observations of the conference.
- 2- **Invites** ISESCO to pursue its efforts and further its contacts with the Member States, and the cultural organizations, bodies and institutions in the West, with a view to implementing the proposals contained in this study.
- 3- **Thanks** ISESCO Director General and his assistants for having prepared this

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Resolution on the Draft Implementing Plan of the Strategy for benefiting from Muslim Competencies in the West

The 4th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, in Algiers, on 3-4 Zul Qi'da 1425 A.H. / 15-16 December 2004,

- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the 3rd Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolutions of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference, the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the 8th session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs concerning the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and as regards ISESCO,
- Recalling the Resolution of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in this regard,
- Having examined the recommendations issued by the 3rd and 4th meetings of the Consultative Council for the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolution of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference concerning the adoption of the Strategy for benefiting from Muslim competencies in the West, which was prepared by ISESCO,

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Resolution on the Study on Cultural Diversity between Specificity and Universality

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- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the 3rd Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolutions of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference, the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the 8th session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs concerning the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and as regards ISESCO,
- Having examined the Study on Cultural Diversity between Specificity and Universality,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- 1- **Adopts the Study on (Cultural Diversity between Specificity and Universality),** taking into account the observations of the Conference.

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Resolution on the Draft Islamic Declaration on Cultural Diversity

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- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the 3rd Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolutions of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference, the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the 8th session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs concerning the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and as regards ISESCO
- Having examined the Draft Islamic Declaration on Cultural Diversity,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

Decides the following:

- 1- **Adopts** the Draft Islamic Declaration on Cultural Diversity, taking into account the observations of the Conference.
- 2- **Invites** the concerned Islamic committees and conferences to adopt this Declaration.
- 3- **Invites** ISESCO to work towards publicising the principles enunciated in this Declaration among the official and popular circles in the Islamic World and at the international arena, especially as concerns the specialized, international and regional organizations and bodies.

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Resolution on the Study on the ways to promote cultural industries in the Islamic world

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- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the 3rd Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolutions of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference, the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the 8th session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs concerning the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and as regards ISESCO,
- Having examined the recommendations issued by the 3rd and 4th meetings of the Consultative Council for the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having examined the special Study on the ways to promote cultural industries in the Islamic World,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

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Resolution on the adoption of the Draft Amendment to the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World

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- Based on the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the principles and objectives enshrined therein,
- Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration issued by the 3rd Islamic Summit Conference,
- In accordance with the Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the principles and objectives set out therein,
- Guided by the principles and objectives of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having taken cognizance of the Resolutions of the 10th Islamic Summit Conference, the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers and the 8th session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs concerning the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World and as regards ISESCO,
- Recalling the Resolution of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in this regard,
- Having taken cognizance of the recommendations issued by the 3rd and 4th meetings of the Consultative Council for the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having considered the Resolution of the 30th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on inviting ISESCO to renew the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having examined the report of the Director General on the implementation of the resolution of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers as concerns the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Considering the deliberations which have taken place,

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Resolution on the election of the members of the Consultative Council for the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World

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- Pursuant to the Resolution of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers,
- Pursuant to Resolution n° (ICCM2/1998/F.C.1) adopted by the 2nd Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers,
- Considering the fact that the Presidency of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers takes part in the meetings of the Consultative Council for implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Being intent on securing continuation and inter-complementarity of the efforts exerted in this regard,
- Based on the proposals made by Member States' delegations,

Decides the following :

- **Composes** the Consultative Council for the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World as follows:

1. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia *President of the Council*
2. Republic of Senegal *Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC)*
3. Peoples' Democratic Republic of Algeria *President of the 4th session of the Conference*
4. OIC General Secretariat

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Resolution on the Venue and date of the 5th Session of the Conference

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Decides the following :

- **Entrusts** ISESCO with holding the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers on a regular basis, in cooperation with the General Secretariat of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference.
- **Holds** the 5th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in the year 2007, in Tripoli, Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah.

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Resolution on the Cultural Institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the Arab occupied territories

The 4th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, in Algiers, on 3-4 Zul Qi'da 1425 A.H. / 15-16 December 2004,

- Taking into consideration the condition into which the educational, scientific and cultural Institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and in the Arab occupied territories are degenerating, regardless of their number and competence,

Decides the following :

1. **Affirms** its solidarity with the Arab people in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon, and its support for putting an end to the Israeli occupation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the Arab territories, with a view to enabling the Palestinian people, in particular, to exercise its national and political rights, and enjoy full freedom, dignity and independence in managing its affairs and establishing the emancipated State of Palestine with Al-Quds Al-Sharif and its capital
2. **Strongly condemns** the aggressive practices of the Israeli occupying forces in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the occupied Arab lands, as well as the occurrences of spoilage of the ancient monuments and cultural properties, and the destruction and disfigurement of historical landmarks; and **calls upon** the international community, especially the concerned regional and international organizations, bodies and institutions, to make a swift move to halt these unjust practices, and to work with all available means, and within an international cooperation, towards extending support to the said cultural institutions.
3. **Declares** the commitment of the Member States, through the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization –ISESCO–, to proceed with their support to the National Palestinian Authority and to the competent bodies in Syria and Lebanon, with a view to saving their educational, scientific and cultural institutions, and to resetting them in operation so that they could discharge their mission in terms of upgrading culture and promoting the efforts of comprehensive development.