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THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman, Sir,

I have now the honour and privilege of presenting before this 14th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers the report of the Committee on Cultural & Social Affairs and the Islamic Solidarity Fund.

H.E.Mr. Bakary Drame, Assistant Secretary-General for Cultural and Social Affairs and Islamic Solidarity Fund, opened the first meeting of this Committee on 3 Rabiul Awal 1494 H (7 December, 1983). Pursuant to past practices at previous conferences that the host country chairs the Conference and all its Committee, Mr. Mujibul Huq, Member of the Planning Commission of Bangladesh, was unanimously elected to chair this Committee. The Assistant Secretary General for Cultural and Social Affairs and the Islamic Solidarity Fund invited the Chairman to assume his office.

In a brief speech the Committee Chairman renewed his country's welcome for delegates and expressed his appreciation of the confidence placed in him, and said that he was convinced that all the Committee members would extend their fullest cooperation to him to facilitate the work of the Committee and its successful conclusion.

The Chairman then requested the members of the Committee to elect other Bureau members. The representative of Uganda nominated H.E. Ambassador Sheikh Ahmed Al-Mubarak from the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the post of Vice-Chairman. The representative of Mali nominated the Islamic Affairs Minister of the Revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea, H.E. Haj Foda Scriba Camara, to the post of Rapporteur. Members of the committee approved nominations unanimously. The Committee then proceeded to consider the items on its agenda - these items were:

AGENDA

1. Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)

2.a) Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development (IFSTAD),

b) Candidature of Dr. Fakhreldin Al Daghistan, of the Royal Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Scientific Council of IFSTAD.

3. Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture.

4. International Commission of Islamic Heritage.

5. Sports Federation of Islamic Solidarity Games.

6. Islamic Committee of the International Crescent.

7. Project for the establishment of the Islamic University in Niger.

8. Project for the establishment of the Islamic University in Uganda.

9. Establishment of International Islamic University in Malaysia.

10. Project for the establishment of the Islamic University in Bangladesh.

11. Project of the new Building of Al-Zaytouna Faculty of Shari and Theology and the Higher Institute of Islamic Studies in Tunisia.

12. Project of the Regional Centre for Research and Islamic Studies in Timbuktu, Mali.

13. Guinea-Bissau Islamic Centre.

14. Project of the Islamic Translation Institute in Khartoum

15. Establishment of the Regional Institute for Complementary Studies in Pakistan.

16. Project for the establishment of an Islamic Cultural Centre in Moroni.

17. Teaching of the Arabic language and propagation of Islamic Culture in non-Arabic speaking Member States.

18. Adoption of Arabic as a common language between all Islamic States.

19. Drawing up of a Lunar Calendar and Unification of Islamic Holidays.

20. Project for the establishment of an Institute of Bantu Civilization.

21. International Islamic Law Commission.

22. Establishment of an International Islamic women's Organization.

23. Report and recommendations of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.

24. International and national programmes concerning the 15th Hijra Century.

a)Continued organization of the international Conferences laid down in the official programmes.

b)Continuation of efforts for the elaboration of the books decided upon by the Scientific Committee.

25.Islamic Solidarity Fund.

a)Report of the Chairman of the Permanent Council

b)Examination of the situation of the Fund and its waqfs.

H.E. Bakary Drame, Assistant Secretary-General of Culture and Social Affairs and Islamic Solidarity Fund introduced each item to the members of the Committee, who discussed each item in a spirit of understanding, amicability and Islamic fraternity, the committee reviewed the draft resolutions submitted by some delegations or arrived at in the light of discussions. All draft resolutions were approved unanimously after threadbare discussions.

These draft resolutions have since been circulated, Mr. Chairman, and I have the honour to submit them to this Conference for favour of consideration and adoption.

The Committee examined the item relating to international and national programmes on the occasion of the Fifteenth Century Hijri and commended the activities and achievements of Member States through their national committees. It further praised the effective part played by the General Secretariat in this respect by organising international exhibits, conferences and significant Islamic seminars.

The Committee also reviewed the annual report of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund on the activities and achievements of the Fund in humanitarian, social and cultural fields. It heard with great interest the presentation made by Mr. Youssef El Awadi, Deputy Chairman of the Permanent Council for the Islamic Solidarity Fund, as well as the detailed explanations on last year's budget and the proposals for the budget of the current year 1983-84 The Committee expressed its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and recommended the approval of the final Statement of Accounts for the last fiscal years and the approval of the budget for fiscal year 1983 - 1984.

In light of discussions in the Committee the following points have been noted:

1.In view of the importance of the projects and institutions of higher education and the difficulty to obtain finance for them, the Committee recommended that a study of new projects be undertaken by competent educational institutions of the Organization before new projects were to be submitted to the Conference of Foreign Ministers. The projects should be also analyzed to determine, their priority in accordance with the needs of the Muslim world and its capacity to provide the means necessary for their implementation. The Committee further recommended that the Secretary General of the OIC should propose the appropriate procedure to adopt projects of establishing universities in the future.

2.The Committee noted the existence of a large number of projects with a cultural and educational character on the agenda of the Cultural Committee. Since the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation has started its activities, the Committee

was of the opinion that the General Secretariat should consider, in consultation with the authorities concerned with these projects, the possibility of transferring the projects to ISESCO, since the latter was the more competent Organisation and closer to the nature of these projects, and in view of the fact that it had a number of specialists in matter of culture and education.

3.The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan commented on the periodical meetings of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs. He noted that a resolution of the Seventh Conference had provided that the Commission should meet twice a year and he urged the Commission to observe this provision. in the future

Before the conclusion of its consideration of the agenda items, the Committee reviewed the recommendations of the tenth session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs and decided to refer them to the Plenary for approval.

At the conclusion of the work of the Committee, H.E. Mr. Mujibul Haq, Chairman of the Committee, expressed profound thanks to all members of the Committee for the spirit of brotherhood which they observed in the course of the consideration and discussion of the agenda items. He said that this spirit had contributed to the success of the Committee in its work and to the achievement of constructive and positive results. Members of the Committee expressed their appreciation of the efficiency and construction spirit with which the Chairman of the Committee conducted its work. They further commended his experience, competence and flexibility in the course of the discussions among various members of delegations which helped the Committee to conclude its consideration of the agenda within the established time limit.

In conclusion, delegates praised the valuable presentations made by the Assistant Secretary General for Cultural and Social Affairs in introducing each agenda item and commended the efforts of the General Secretariat for the high quality of documents and explanatory notes that it prepared for the Committee.

Before I conclude Mr. Chairman, I would like to place on record once again here that I join all the members of my committee in expressing my thanks and the Secretariat staff and the Interpreters for the excellent support and assistance rendered by them for the successful conclusion of the work of my Committee on 5 Rabiul Awal 1404H (9 December 1983).

Finally. Mr. Chairman, I express my deep gratitude for the honour done to me by asking me to work as Chairman of Committee No. 3 i.e. the Committee on Cultural & Social Affairs and the Islamic Solidarity Fund.

Thank You Mr. Chairman
Mr. Mujibul Huq
Chairman of the Cultural and Social Affairs Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 1/14-C

THE ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANISATION

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Having reviewed the operative paragraphs of Resolution 3/13-C of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,

Having taken cognizance of the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Conference and having heard the statement of the Assistant General Director of ISESCO,

1-Expresses its thanks to the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for the support and facilities it has extended and continues to extend to the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

2-Expresses its thanks to the Director General of the Organisation for the significant achievements made by ISESCO within a short period.

3-Appeals to the Member States of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference which have not yet joined ISESCO to do so at an early date and invites the Member States to extend all way assistance to ISESCO to carry out its educational and cultural programmes.

4-Confirms to resolution of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the need for coordination between the Organizations and institutions concerned with education, science and culture and requests the Secretary General of the OIC to submit to the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers the findings of the evaluation study to be presented by the Committee of experts concerning the organization of relations between ISESCO and the other cultural organizations of the Conference, findings which will ensure close coordination and cooperation and preclude any duplication in their activities.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/14-C

ON THE ISLAMIC FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Having reviewed the resolution of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development;

Commending the presentation made by the Assistant Secretary General of the financial situation of the Foundation and the valuable information supplied by the Director General of IFSTAD on the Organization's achievements and activities,'

Welcoming the statement made by the delegate of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on his country's decision to donate the sum of US \$15,000 to the Organisation;

In accordance with the request of the General Secretariat of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference to nominate Dr. Fakhrel-Din Al Daghestani from the Hashemite Kingdom of

Jordan for the membership of the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development;

1-Endorses all the resolutions and recommendations of the meetings of the Scientific Council of the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development in respect of the Foundation's programme and plan of action.

2-Urges Member States to discharge their obligations towards the Foundation and pay their voluntary contribution towards the collection of the fifty million dollars (\$ 50 million) announced by the previous Conferences and Foreign Ministers and the Third Summit Conference with a view to enabling the Foundation to carry out its duties and fulfill its objectives, namely to raise the scientific capabilities and competencies and develop the methods of scientific research in Islamic countries with the aim of bringing about development and prosperity for their peoples.

3-Requests the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development to continue its close cooperation With the cultural and scientific institutions in Member States, and the other Organisations set up by the OIC.

4-Expresses its thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Indonesia, the Republic of Tunisia and the People's Republic of Bangladesh, for the support they have extended to the Foundation.

5.Expresses its appreciation for the efforts exerted by the Foundation and its Director General for the fulfillment of the noble objectives for which the Foundation was established.

6-Appeals to the Fourth Islamic Conference to provide the previously announced capital of the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development.

7-Approves the appointment of Dr. Fakhr El-din Al Daghestani from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, as a member of the Scientific Council of the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development.

RESOLUTION NO. 3/14-C

ON THE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE AT ISTANBUL

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling resolution 13/5-C on the Centre, adopted by the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Having reviewed the report of the Board of Directors of Centre at its second meeting held at Istanbul in Rajab 1403 H, (April 1983);

Having reviewed the recommendations of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs at its tenth session held in Jeddah in Zul-Hija, 1403 H, (October 1983);

Having examined the annual report of the Director of the Centre;

1. Approves the recommendations of the Board of Directors of the Centre at its second meeting.

2. Commends the genuine and outstanding work of the Centre and its Director as well as their important achievements in such a short period and with limited means, particularly in respect of the restoration of its new Headquarters in the historically important palace which the Government of the Republic of Turkey has kindly offered to serve as its permanent seat.

3. Calls upon Member States which have not yet done so to pay their contributions and donations to the budget of the Centre so that the Centre may pursue its activities and achieve the objectives for which it was established.

4. Approves the work plan of the Centre for 1983/84.

RESOLUTION NO. 4/14-C

ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ISLAMIC HERITAGE

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling Resolution No. 6/13-C of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the International Commission for the preservation of Islamic Heritage;

Having examined the report of the Committee on its first meeting held in Istanbul in Safar 1404 H (November 1983);

Recalling resolutions of the previous Islamic Conferences on the preservation of the historical cities and Islamic monuments and on co-operation and coordination with the Organisation of Islamic Capital Cities;

1. Endorses the recommendations of the first meeting of the International Commission for the Preservation of Islamic Heritage.

2. Calls upon the International Commission for the Preservation of Islamic Heritage to coordinate its activities with the plans of Member States and all the cultural organisations and institutions set up by the Organisation of the Islamic Conference in respect of Islamic Heritage in a bid to concert Islamic efforts in the same direction.

3. Appeals to Member States to extend financial and normal support to the International Commission for preservation of Islamic Heritage.

4. Commends the measures undertaken by the General Secretariat in coordination with the International Commission for the Preservation of Islamic Heritage and the Research Centre on Islamic History, Art and Culture for the completion of the necessary studies, the formulation of a comprehensive scheme for the salvation of the cities of Hamadalla and Timbuctu in the Republic of Mali, the restoration and maintenance of the Mosque of Denmark in the Republic of Indonesia, and the dispatch of experts as early as possible to make a field inspection and submit a report to the General Secretariat of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference on the basis of which a very early action can be taken in the matter.

5. Authorises the International Commission for the preservation of the Islamic Heritage to maintain liaison with the Organisation of Islamic Capital Cities with a view to proving cooperation and coordination between them in the in the area of preserving Islamic monuments and historical cities.

6. Supports the proposal of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh that 1410 H may be declaration Islamic Heritage Year.

7. Endorses the proposal of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh that elaborate programmes may be drawn up to conduct world-wide survey of the acts of defiling of Islamic Heritage and Monuments in various countries specially in non-Muslim countries where the Governments may be urged to give adequate attention for their repair, restoration and preservation.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/1 4-C

ON THE SPORTS FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY GAMES

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2 to 7 Rabiul Awal 1404 H (6-11 December 1983),

Referring. to Resolution I8/I3-C of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Having taken note of the recommendations of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs, held in Jeddah (Dhu'ul Hijjah - October 1983);

Having reviewed the contents of the explanatory note submitted on the subject by the General Secretariat of Organisation of the Islamic Conference,

1 - Requests the General Secretariat to pursue its contacts with the appropriate authorities of the host country (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) with a view to accelerating the implementation of the resolutions regarding the establishment of the said Federation and the convening of its constituent Conference as soon as possible.

2 - Urges all Member States to send representatives of their national Olympic Committees for participation in the General Constituent Conference of the Federation when it is convened.

3 - Recommends the organisation of the Second Round of Islamic Solidarity Games during 1985, and subsequent sessions every four years.

4 - Invites all Member States to extend financial and moral support to the Federation and to effectively participate in its activities.

5 -Also requests the General Secretariat and the officers in-charge of the Federation to follow Islamic practices in the various activities of the Federation from. the very beginning.

RESOLUTION NO. 6/14-C

ON THE ISLAMIC COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRESCENT

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling resolution 4/13-C adopted by the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent;

Having examined the report of the First Meeting of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent held in Benghazi, Socialist Peoples Libyan Arab Jarmahiriya from Jumadi Al-Oul 1403 H (February 1983);

Recalling the recommendations of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs held in Jeddah in Dhal Hijja 1403 H (October 1983);

Having reviewed the annual report of the Chairman of the Commission:

1 Appeals to all Member States to expedite the signing of the Agreement establishing the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent, so as to enable the Committee to start discharging its noble humanitarian duties.

2 Reaffirms the need for the Committee to pursue its work to fulfill the lofty goals and objectives for which it was set up.

3 - Appeals to all Member States to extend to the Committee material and moral support as well as support with every possible means.

4 Extends its warm thanks to the People's Socialist Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for its attention to and support for this Islamic Humanitarian Institution.

RESOLUTION NO. 7/14-C

ON THE NIGER ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling Resolution 12/13-C of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Niger Islamic University;

Taking note of the resolutions of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs held in Jeddah in Dhul Hijjah 1433.H (October 1983) concerning the Niger Islamic University;

Having taken cognizance of the statement of the delegation of the Republic of Niger on the financial difficulties hampering the execution of the project;

Having examined the explanatory note presented by the General Secretariat on the subject;

1. Expresses its deep satisfaction at all the implementation steps taken so far for the establishment of this University according to plan.

2. Calls upon the Islamic Solidarity Fund to continue its financial support for the execution of the first phase of the project, appeals to all Member States to take up the challenge inherent in the possible interruption of the construction of the University according to plan, and urges them all to give the necessary financial and cultural assistance for the implementation of this major Islamic project.

3. Requests the General Secretariat to coordinate its efforts with the competent authorities of the Government of the Republic of Niger for the provision of appropriate teaching staff to the University, and the finalization of its statute before the 15th Islamic Conference.

4. Invites the General Secretariat in cooperation with the Government of Niger to continue studying the possibility of dividing the remaining phases of the project into small parts which could be implemented separately if so required.

RESOLUTION NO. 8/14-C

ON THE UGANDA ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling provisions of resolution No. 13/13-C of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Uganda Islamic University,

Taking cognizance of the recommendations of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs, held in Jeddah in Dhul Hijjah 1403 H (October, 1983);

Having reviewed the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, and the background information presented by the Assistant Secretary General;

Having heard the statement of the delegation of the Republic of Uganda on the subject, and the statement of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in which it announced Pakistan's donation of the sum of \$ 25000 to the project;

Commending the acceptance by the Government of Uganda of an Islamic policy for the curricula and the administration of the University;

1. Requests the General Secretariat and the Government of Uganda to expedite the drawing up of the statutes of the University and to convene a meeting of the Joint Committee as soon as possible with a view to starting the implementation of the project.
2. Requests the Government of Uganda and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to sign a legal agreement guaranteeing and asserting the international Islamic Character of the University as the property of the entire Muslim Ummah.
3. Affirms the continued reliance on the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development for the provision of technical assistance to the University project.
4. Appeals to member States and to the Islamic Solidarity Fund to make donations in favour of the Uganda Islamic University Project so as to enable the children of Muslims in the republic of Uganda and in neighbouring countries to draw the desired benefits from the project.
5. Expresses its thanks to the Government of Uganda for the facilities and assistance it has extended to the University project, and for its clear understanding of the project purposes. It also extends its thanks to the Government of Saudi Arabia which has made a donation to the project, and to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan which has decided to make its contribution.

RESOLUTION NO. 9/14-C

THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN MALAYSIA

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Having reviewed the explanatory note on the subject submitted by the General Secretariat of the OIC;

Having also reviewed the note submitted by the Government of Malaysia on the same subject;

Commending the courageous steps taken the Government of Malaysia to establish the Islamic University;

- 1-INVITES the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to sign the document establishing the university - within the framework of cultural cooperation with the

Government of Malaysia so as to enable the University to fulfill the purposes for which it was established.

2-APPEALS to Member States and to the Islamic Solidarity Fund to increase their material and moral support to the Government of Malaysia so as to enable it to develop this university.

3-EXPRESSES its appreciation for the dedicated and successful efforts of the Government of Malaysia, which have led to the opening of the university - it also urges all the Member States to encourage and support such efforts in all fields.

4-CALLS upon all specialized organs and institutions within the OIC system to give the necessary support to the university;

5.BEQUESTS the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to refer the subject to the next Islamic Summit so as to obtain its support and blessing.

RESOLUTION NO. 10/14-C

ON THE PROJECT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN BANGLADESH

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling the resolutions of the previous Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers on the establishment of Islamic Universities;

Having heard detailed presentation of His Excellency the Delegate of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Having taken cognizance of the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat on the Islamic University of Bangladesh;

1.Appeals to Member States to provide the necessary Technical and Financial support for the project and calls upon the Islamic Solidarity Fund to allocate an annual appropriation from its budget to assist in the implementation of this worthy Islamic project.

2.Appeals to all specialised organs of the Organisation of Islamic Conference to extend the required material, moral and financial support for the project.

3.Decided to submit the project for the establishment of the Islamic University in Bangladesh to the Fourth Islamic Summit - for consideration and approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 11/14-C

ON THE NEW BUILDING OF EZ-ZEITOUNA FACULTY IN TUNIS

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka1 People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling resolution 14/13-C of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers concerning the new building of Ez-Zeitouna Faculty in Tunis;

Having Reviewed the recommendations of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs held in Jeddah in Dhul Hijjah 1403 H (October 1983);

1. Expresses its thanks to the General Secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Conference for its appreciable concern and commitment to follow-up the developments of Ez-Zeitouna Faculty; to the Member States which have kindly provided financial support and to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for its continuation support for this project.

2. Requests the General Secretariat to inform the Fourth Islamic Summit Conference of the results achieved by this project in order to have it adopt a resolution urging Member States to extend adequate assistance to this honourable Islamic Organisation.

RESOLUTION NO. 12/14-C

ON THE PROJECT OF REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC RESEARCH AND STUDIES IN TIMBUCTU, MALI

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling Resolution No. 16/13-C5 adopted by the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,

Reaffirming Resolution No. 4/3 C (IS) of the Third Islamic Summit Conference which confirmed the commitment of the Organization of Islamic Conference to establish the Regional Institute for Islamic Research and Studies in Timbuctu, Mali,

Noting sustained assistance to the Institute by the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund;

Having reviewed the explanatory note on the subject submitted by the General Secretariat,

1-Stresses the need to follow up the implementation of the project to transform the Centre of Ahmed Baba in Timbuctu into a regional Centre of Research and Islamic Studies and urges Member States to provide financial and moral support to the Government of Mali to enable it to carry out this project.

2-Requests the General Secretariat and the Islamic Solidarity Fund. to maintain their cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Mali and to provide it with the necessary support in order to implement its project in view of its historic Islamic importance and in recognition of the role played by the city of Timbuctu in the Islamic history of Africa by propagating Islam.

3-Expresses thanks to the Iraqi Government, the Government of Indonesia and the Islamic Solidarity Fund for their assistance to the Government of Mali to initiate this important Islamic project.

RESOLUTION NO. 13/14-C

ON THE ISLAMIC CENTRE OF GUINEA-BISSAU

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling Resolution No. 15/13-C, on the Islamic Centre in Guinea-Bissau adopted by the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,

Noting the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat of the OIC;

1.Reaffirms the resolutions of the Summit Conference and the Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers concerning support to the project of an Islamic Centre in Guinea-Bissau.

2.Appeals to Member States and to the Islamic Solidarity Fund to maintain their support of the project.

3.Appeals to the Government of Guinea-Bissau to invite early tenders for the implementation of the first phase related to the construction of a mosque for the center.

4.Entrusts the General Secretariat to send a delegation to Guinea-Bissau to speed up the implementation of the project as mentioned above and to provide the necessary assistance.

5.Expresses thanks to the Government of Pakistan for its generous contribution of US\$ 10,000 to the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 14/14-CS

ON THE ISLAMIC INSTITUTE FOR TRANSLATION AT KHARTOUM

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling Resolution No. 17/13-C of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, by which it approved the statutes of the Islamic Institute for Translation at Khartoum,

Having reviewed the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference on the subject;

1 - Appeals to Member States and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to continue providing the necessary support for the establishment of the Islamic Institute for Translation at Khartoum;

2 - Calls upon the General Secretariat to continue to coordinate its efforts with the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sudan with the aim of implementing the project as scheduled;

3 - Expressing thanks to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for its assistance to the Government of Sudan in this project.

RESOLUTION NO. 15/14-C

ON THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION (RICE) IN PAKISTAN

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling resolutions 4/10-C, 15/11-C, 18/12-C, and 10/13-C adopted by the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Islamic Conference respectively on the teaching of Arabic language and Islamic culture to non-Arabic speaking Muslims;

Considering the recommendations made by the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Sessions of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Social and Cultural Affairs requesting the Government of Pakistan to prepare a working paper that includes its views and proposals on the establishment of an Institute for Complementary Education to serve the needs of Asian countries and submit it to the General Secretariat;

1) reiterates its commitment to the early establishment of the said Institute in Pakistan, and to the promotion and dissemination of the Arabic language and Islamic Culture in non-Arabic speaking countries of Asia;

2) expresses its appreciation for the efforts made by the Government of Pakistan and the World Federation of International Arabic Islamic Schools in preparation of the Project Report on establishment of this Institute;

3) accords its approval to the Project Report on establishment of the Regional Institute for Complimentary Education (RICE) submitted by the Government of Pakistan to the 10th session of Islamic Commission for Economic, Social and Cultural Affairs;

4) requests Member States, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the other Organisation to contribute generously towards its implementation and make it operational as soon as possible;

5) further requests the Secretary General of Organisation of the Islamic Conference to actively follow up the implementation of this project and submit a report thereon to the 15th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 16/14-C

ON THE CREATION OF AN ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTRE IN MORONI, THE FEDERAL ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF COMORO.

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Concerned by the expanding activities of Christian missionaries in Africa, especially in the area of the Indian Ocean,

Conscious of the need to deter these harmful activities;

Taking into account that the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoro represents the bastion of Islam in this region;

Taking cognizance of the note and the report submitted by the delegation of the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoro, during the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

1 - Invites the Solidarity Fund and the specialised Islamic organisations to pursue the necessary studies for the creation of an Islamic Cultural Centre at Moroni, capital of the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoro, and to submit a report thereon to the next Conference'.

2 - Instructs the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to Member States before the Fifteenth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

3 - Urges Member States and the Islamic solidarity Fund to extend the necessary assistance for the implementation of this project;

4 - Expresses thanks to the Government of Pakistan for its decision to contribute US \$ 15,000 to the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 17/14-C

ON THE TEACHING OF ARABIC SPEAKING MEMBER STATES AND THE DISSEMINATION OF ISLAMIC CULTURE

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Reaffirming Resolution (9/13-CS), adopted by the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, as well as previous resolutions on the teaching of Arabic and the dissemination of Islamic Culture,

1 - Decides to refer the matter to the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation and requests it to undertake the task of teaching Arabic and dissemination of

Islamic Culture in all Member States as one of its most relevant functions, and as a vital area for the consolidation of bonds of solidarity and cultural cooperation between those Member States that have similar educational and cultural programmes.

2 - Commends the valuable efforts made in this field by Member States and the specialised agencies of the OIC in cooperation and coordination with other Islamic Cultural organisations and institutions engaged in this field.

3 - Commends any fruitful cooperation in this field either directly among Member States or among the competent Islamic cultural organs, and supports the request of the Government of the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoro to urgently provide it with teachers, books, supplies and other requirements for the implementation of its educational and cultural programme in Arabic and extends its thanks to the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for the initiative it has taken in this respect.

RESOLUTION NO. 18/14-C

ON ADOPTING ARABIC AS A COMMON LANGUAGE FOR ALL MUSLIM STATES

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling the recommendations of the Tenth Session of the Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs, held in Jeddah in Zul Hija 1403 H (October 1983);

Having seen the explanatory note of the General Secretariat of the OIC containing the proposal of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for the adoption of Arabic as a common language for all Islamic States;

Approves in principle the adoption of Arabic as a common and prevalent language for Muslim peoples, in addition to their national languages in furtherance of current efforts to expand the use and teaching of Arabic, the language of the Quran.

RESOLUTION NO. 19/14-C

ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF LUNAR MONTHS AND ISLAMIC HOLIDAYS

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling the resolutions of previous Islamic Conferences and particularly resolution 11/13-C of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the standardization of lunar months and Islamic holidays;

Having noted the recommendations of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social affairs, held in Jeddah in Dhul Hijja 1403 H (October 1973),

Having seen the relevant explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat of the OIC,

1. Comments the steps envisioned by both the General Secretariat and the Committee on the Hijri Calendar in respect of Islamic feasts and the institution of a standard Calendar for Member States
2. Welcomes the proposal of the Turkish Government to convene an enlarged meeting of specialists from Member States, including Ulemas and Astronomers in Ankara on 27 and 28 December 1983, and requests Member States to participate in the enlarged meeting,
3. Recommends to Member States to adopt Fridays, Id-el-Fitr and Id-el-Azha as official holidays in all Muslim countries

RESOLUTION No. 20/14-C

ON SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE BANTU CIVILISATION IN GABON

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling the final statement of the first session of the Permanent Islamic Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs held in Dakar in Rabiul 'Thani 403 H (January 1983);

Having seen the historical survey on the Bantu world submitted by the Government of the Republic of Gabon;

Taking reviewed the explanatory note submitted by the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

1. Expresses its great interest in the establishment of an international center for Bantu civilization.
2. Appeals to all Member States to support the work of the international center for Bantu civilization so that it can continue its valuable efforts in the service of Islamic civilization particularly in the African continent.
3. Requests the General Secretariat to examine the possibility of referring this subject to the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

RESOLUTION No. 21/14-C

ON THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC LAW COMMISSION

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling resolution 19/13-C of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the subject,

Having seen the explanatory note of the General Secretariat on its follow-up of the implementation of the aforesaid resolution;

1 -Requests again the General Secretariat of the OIC to pursue its contacts with the Member States in order to obtain their views and suggestions on the statute of the Commission.

2 -Appeals to all Member States to expedite the communication of their views and observations on the draft statute of the International Islamic Law Commission to the General Secretariat so as to enable it to prepare the final draft and submit it to the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 22/14-C

INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC WOMEN 'S ORGANISATION

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Noting with appreciation of proposal submitted by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the establishment of an International Islamic women's Organisation.

Conscious of the growing determination among the Muslims all over the world to bring about Islamic revival by practically demonstrating to mankind that Islam is a system based on justice, peace, equality of brotherhood for all human beings;

Convinced that the lofty ideal of realizing Islamic revival can be achieved only with the full participation of Muslim women;

Taking note of the recommendations of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Social and Cultural Affairs at its tenth session;

1. Decides to set up a Committee of Experts composed of the following Member States:

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan
The Republic of Turkey
Malaysia
The State of Kuwait
The Kingdom of Morocco
The Republic of Niger
The Republic of Senegal

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
The Revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea
The Republic of Mali
Syrian Arab Republic
The Democratic Republic of Sudan
Palestine

to further consider all aspects of the proposal submitted by Pakistan, including the possible activities of such Organisation and the need to involve a number of Ulemas in the activities of this Committee, whose mandate has been fixed as follows:

a-to examine the proposal of Pakistan in the light of the views submitted by Member States,

b- to examine other proposals that may be submitted by any Member State or the General Secretariat on the subject.

c- to examine all aspects of the proposal of Pakistan including the establishment of an Organisation and the question of naming Organisation as such commission or organ or union,

2.Recommends that the membership of this committee be open to all Member States and that any Member State which wishes to take part in the meeting of the Committee may advise the General Secretariat or the competent authorities of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan,

3.Calls upon Member States to communicate the General Secretariat their views and comments on the proposal of Pakistan within four months so that they may be submitted to the meeting of the Committee of Experts.

4.Entrusts the General Secretariat with taking the necessary steps to convene the first meeting of the Committee of Experts in consultation with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and to provide the Committee with all the views and comments received from Member States or expected by their representatives at the previous meetings on the subject.

5.Requests the General Secretariat to submit a report on the recommendations of the Committee of Experts to the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 23/14-C

ON THE CELEBRATIONS MARKING THE ADVENT OF THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY HIJRA

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling resolutions of previous Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers on the programmes of celebrations marking the advent of the Fifteenth Hijra Century.

1.Urges the Islamic Solidarity Fund to provide additional support for the implementation of the remaining Hijri programmes, particularly in respect of the writing, principle and

publication of books and to give special assistance to the International Conferences on Islam in Africa due to be held in Timbuctu, Republic of Mali.

2. Requests the General Secretariat to speed up the implementation of the book programme approved by the Scientific Committee.

3. Expresses its thanks and appreciation to Member States for their achievements in implementing the programmes of celebrations marking the advent of the Fifteenth Hijri Century at both the partial and the international levels.

4. Expresses its thanks to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for its support in financing the programmes of the advent of the Fifteenth Hijri Century.

RESOLUTION NO. 24/14-C

ON THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal, 1404 H. (6-11 December, 1983),

Recalling the Third Islamic Summit Conference (Palestine and Al Quds Al Sharif Session) resolution (9/3-C) on support for the Islamic Solidarity Fund and its Waqf.

Taking note of the report submitted by the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund on the activities of the Fund.

Relieving in the need to support the Islamic Solidarity Fund in order to enable it to fulfill its task and achieve its noble objectives as provided for in the status of the Fund.

Convinced of the effective role played by the Fund in financing the Spiritual, Cultural and Social activities of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

1. Approves the substance of the report of the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund.

2. Agrees to convene a special meeting for Member States to pledge their contributions to the Fund.

3. Approves the final accounts for Financial Year 1982/83, and the draft budget estimates of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Financial Year 1983/84.

4. Requests the Fund to continue supporting the institutions and organs of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

5. Further requests the Islamic Solidarity Fund to provide equivalent support to important projects and to other projects.

6. Expresses its deep appreciation and warm thanks to the Member States which have made and continue to make regular and generous contributions to the Fund without which the Fund would have been unable to pursue the mission it is carrying out in the interest of the Muslim world. It expresses its profound satisfaction at the announcement made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the decision of his country to contribute the sum of US\$40,000 to the budget of the Fund, and the sum of 250,000 Pakistani Rupee to the Waqf of the Fund sums which represent the proceeds of the stamp issued in the name of the Fund. It also expresses its appreciation for the decision of the Republic of Tunis as announced by the Tunisian representative to make a fixed and regular contribution to the Fund on an annual basis.

7. Urges Member States to make regular voluntary contributions, each according to its means, to the budget and Waqf of the Islamic Solidarity Fund in compliance with the resolution of the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah and Taif, and calls upon Member States to determine their annual voluntary contributions to the budget and Waqf of the Fund.

8. Expresses its appreciation and thanks to the Permanent Council of the Fund its Chairman, Vice-Chairman, its Department and the staff thereof for their efforts in furtherance of the goals of the Fund.