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Report of the Economic Affairs Committee

The Economic Affairs Committee of the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held its working sessions from Rabiul Awal 3 to 5, 1404H (corresponding to December 7-9, 1983),

2.The meeting was inaugurated by the delegate of the Republic of Niger as outgoing Chairman, who made a short statement wishing successes to the deliberations of the committee. Upon his proposal, Mr. Mafizur Rahman, Secretary, External Resources division, Ministry of finance and Planning of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, was unanimously elected as Chairman.

3.The delegate of the Republic of the Gambia, Mr. Ousman A Sallah, was elected as Vice-Chairman. The delegate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Mr. Abdul Razaq A. Algain was elected as Rapporteur.

4.The Committee set up a Drafting Committee composed of the representatives of Guinea, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Pakistan, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey and Bangladesh. It was agreed that the Drafting Committee would be open ended.

5.The Member States attending the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers participated in the sessions of the Economic Affairs Committee.

6.The following subsidiary and affiliated agencies of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, as well as observers invited from other Organisations attended the meetings of the Committee:

i)Statistical Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRTCIC), Ankara, Republic of Turkey.

ii)Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research (ICTVTR), Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh.

iii)Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT), Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco.

iv)Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange (ICCICF), Karachi, Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

v)Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

vi)International Association of Islamic Banks (IAIB),

vii)Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO),

viii) United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO),

ix) International Labour Organisation (ILO),

7. The General Secretariat was represented by H.E. Ambassador Arshad-uz Zaman, Assistant Secretary General (Administration Finance and Economic Affairs), and Mr. Naeem U. Hasan, Assistant Director, Economic Affairs Department.

8. The Chairman, in his opening remarks, thanked the Committee for the honour and confidence reposed in him. He underscored the crucial importance of the correct solution of the economic issues to successfully combat political, economic, social and cultural aggression against the Ummah. He urged for solidarity, unity and a total sense of dedication at this juncture of most formidable attacks from multifarious sources against Islam.

The Chairman welcomed the delegates and representatives to the meeting, and expressed the hope that by the Grace of Allah Almighty the deliberations of the Committee would be fruitful and the fraternal cooperation of the Member States would result in a successful conclusion of the work of the Committee.

9. The Committee deliberated items No. 38 to 63 on the Agenda of the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers which were referred to it for consideration and for formulation of appropriate recommendations.

10. At the conclusion of the debate, the Committee adopted the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 1/14-E

The World Economy and the Islamic Countries.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/14-E

Status report on the implementation of the recommendations of the High Level Inter-Governmental Meeting of Experts on the Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic Cooperation among Member States of the O.I.C.

RESOLUTION No. 3/14-E

Economic problems of the Least Developed Member States.

RESOLUTION NO. 4/14-E

Effects of earthquake and drought in the Yemen Arab Republic.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/14-E.

Economic problems of the Land-Locked Member States.

RESOLUTION No. 6/14-E

Status Report on the Campaign for the Eradication of Cattle Plaque in African Member States.

RESOLUTION NO. 7/14-E

Follow-up Report on the implementation of the resolution concerning the Lagos Plan of Action..

RESOLUTION NO. 8/14-E

Report on the Follow-up Action of the First Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development.

RESOLUTION NO. 9/14-E

Progress report on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Ministerial Level Round Table Consultation on Industrial Cooperation among Member States.

RESOLUTION NO. 10/14-E

Promotion and Expansion of Trade among Member States.

RESOLUTION NO. 11/14-E

The International Agreement on Jute and Jute products.

RESOLUTION NO. 12/14-E

Follow-up report on the Export Group Meeting on Cooperation among Member States in the field of Insurance and Re-insurance.

RESOLUTION NO. 10/14-E

Report on the Activities of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange.

RESOLUTION NO. 14/14-E

Report on the Activities of the Islamic Centre for the Development Trade.

RESOLUTION NO. 15/14-E

Status report on the Signature and Ratification of the Agreement on Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments in Member States.

RESOLUTION NO 16/14-E

Implementation of the Resolution entitled:

“Consolidation of the Development Programme in the Islamic world”.

RESOLUTION NO. 17/14-E

Status Report on the Proposed Sixth Meeting of Governors of Central Banks and Authorities of the Member States.

RESOLUTION NO. 18/14-E

Activities of the Islamic Development Bank.

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Activities of the International Association of Islamic Banks.

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Status Report on the Signature and Ratification of the Statute of the Islamic Civil Aviation Council.

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Progress Report on the Third Expert Group Meeting on Civil Aviation.

RESOLUTION NO. 22/14-E
Cooperation among a States in the field of Telecommunications.

RESOLUTION NO. 23/14.E
Establishment of the Islamic Shipowners Association.

RESOLUTION NO 24/14-E
Status report on the Expert Level Meeting on Labour, Know-how and Social Security.

RESOLUTION NO. 25/14-E
Report on the Activities of the Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

RESOLUTION NO. 26/14-E
Technical Cooperation among Member States.

RESOLUTION NO. 27/14-E
Report on the Activities of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries, Ankara, Turkey.

11. Under the above list, Resolutions No. 4/14-E and No. 10/14-E were considered by the Committee under Items No. 40 "Economic Problems of Least Developed Member States" and No. 46 "Promotion and Expansion of Trade among Member States", respectively.

12.The Committee recorded the following observations on some of the items on the Agenda:

(i)Committee recorded the: following, observation as on items on the Agenda Under Resolution No. 2/14-E1 it stressed the need to strengthen the General Secretariat financially and administratively, to enable it to implement the recommendations of the Plan and Action to strengthen Economic Cooperation among Member States.

(ii)While discussing Resolution No. 15/14-E, the Committee warmly welcomed the Statement of the delegate of the Republic of Tunisia that his country had recently ratified the Agreement on Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments.

13.As regards Item No. 58, the Committee took note of the progress report submitted by the General Secretariat on the proposed Expert level meetings on cooperation among Member States in the fields of Postal Services; Tourism; and Transport; Rail Transport; and Meteorology.

It noted with appreciation that the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia had offered to host the Expert Group meeting on Communication.

The Committee also took note of the Statement of the (Delegate of Tunisia that the Islamic Chamber, which is coordinating with the General Secretariat on the Expert Group meeting on Tourism to be held in Tunisia, should address all communications on this subject to the Ministry of Tourism of Tunisia.

14. The Committee expressed deep appreciation to the various member states who have offered to host the Expert level the economic field and expressed the also come forth with similar generous offer.

15. Concerning Item No. 63, the Committee noted with satisfaction that Member States continued to adhere to the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation which had gone into operation in 1981 following its ratification by majority of Member States. The Committee took note that the Agreement had now been ratified by 26 Member States. It urged these Member States, who had not done so, to ratify the General Agreement and requested the General Secretariat to maintain its contacts in this direction.

16. At the conclusion of its work, the Committee expressed its gratitude and appreciation to the Government and people of Bangladesh for the cordial reception and warm hospitality accorded to the participants to the Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers. It applauded the excellent facilities arranged for the meeting which contributed to the success of the work of the Committee.

17. The Committee warmly thanked the Chairman for the efficient and objective manner in which he presided over the sessions. It also thanked the Vice-Chairman for positively contributing to the work of the Committee, and the Rapporteur for preparing this Report.

18. The Committee recorded its appreciation to the Assistant Secretary General (Economic Affairs, Administration and Finance), and the General Secretariat for their unstinting efforts and assistance to the work of the Committee. It also commended the efficient work of the technical and administrative staff assigned to the Committee.

Rapporteur
Dhaka
December 10, 1983

RESOLUTION NO. 1/14-E THE WORLD ECONOMY AND THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES

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

Reaffirming Resolution 3201 (S-VI) and 3202(S-VI) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly containing the Declaration of Programme of Action on the establishment of a New International Economic Order;

Recalling Resolution 3281 (XXIX) of the United Nations General Assembly containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of the States;

Also recalling Resolution 34/138 (XXIV) of the United Nations General Assembly relating to the launching of global negotiations on "International Cooperation for Development";

Reiterating Resolution No. 60/35 (XXV) of the United Nations General Assembly relating to the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

Further recalling Resolutions No. 4/5-P, 1/9-E, 1/10-E, 2/11-E, 1/12-E and 1/13-E adopted respectively by the Fifth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, which stressed the urgent and vital need to launch global negotiations, in a spirit of accommodation that reflects a firm will to arrive at mutually beneficial results;

Noting with deep concern the gravity of the continuing international economic crisis which adversely affects the developing countries in general, and the least developed countries in particular, and causes the disequilibrium and imbalance in the world economic structure;

Expressing anxiety at the economic and financial policies of the industrialized countries in their own economies which caused a contraction in the international trade;

Noting with alarm the adverse effects of these policies on the growth rate of the developing countries, which continue not only to be significantly below the minimum necessary for their development, but resulted in decline in per capital income in 1981 as well as in 1982;

Underlying with regret that, while there are some signs of recovery in the industrial countries, there is no perceptible impulse of this recovery in the developing world;

Noting that these signs of recovery should constitute an opportunity to facilitate the adoption of appropriate micro-economic and structural adjustment measures by the developed countries;

Noting with concern the deteriorating terms of trade of the developing countries in general, and of the least developed countries in particular;

Deploring the lack of political will on the part of majority of developed countries to participate effectively in international negotiations of particular interest to the developing countries;

Recognizing the need for restructuring the present international financial system;

Deeply concerned at the lack of progress to redress the inequities of the present international economic relations in accordance with the international Development Strategy for the third United Nations Development Decade, the establishment of the New International Economic Order, in the absence of an effective North-South dialogue;

Noting with concern the lack of adequate financial resources of regional development banks and other multilateral development institutions;

Expressing deep regrets that negotiations for the Seventh IDA Replenishment have not yet been completed, and that all indications are for a level of IDA VII at an extremely inadequate level;

Noting with deep concern extremely unsatisfactory progress towards implementation of the SNPA for the least developed countries for the Decade of 80s;

Recognizing the acute development problems facing the sub-Saharan African countries in general, and member states of the OIC in that region in particular;

Reiterating that a strong commitment towards the early resumption of the North-South dialogue is necessary for achieving the New International Economic order;

Expressing deep appreciation of the efforts made by the developing countries towards adjustments in the face of acute external difficulties;

Noting with satisfaction that the Organization of Islamic Conference has already initiated bold steps in this direction for the consolidation of the Development Programme of the Islamic World which could constitute an initiative for further Third World Cooperation;

Noting that the 8th review of the IMF quota has become effective, though at an inadequate level;

Taking note of the background documents prepared by the General Secretariat and the Ankara Centre on the World Economic Situation in 1982 which contains a detailed and quantitative analysis of the economic prospects of Member States;

Emphasizing the need for keeping under constant and close review the world economic situation and all international economic negotiations;

Also taking note of the recommendations made on this subject by the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

1. Reiterates the need for early launching of simultaneous and integrated global negotiations within the UN framework to restructure the present international economic order.

2. Endorses the efforts exerted by the developing countries within the framework of the Group of 77 and the Non-aligned Movement to initiate global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development.

3. Supports the proposal for convening of an international conference on international monetary and financial system as an integrated part of the global negotiations when launched.

4. Calls upon the developed countries for taking immediate measures pending the global negotiations aimed at World economic recovery, and accelerating development of the developing countries.

5. Stresses the importance of ODA from developed countries for the developing countries in general, and the least developed countries in particular.

6. Urges all developed countries to meet the internationally accepted target of 0.7 percent of GNP as development assistance and the sub-target of 0.15 per cent to the least developed countries as agreed to in the Paris Conference of 1981.

7. Urges for early conclusion of negotiations on IDA VII at a level higher than the IDA VI, in real terms.

8. Urges the developed countries to pursue action towards facilitating exports of developing countries, and reducing tariff and non-tariff obstacles to their exports.

9. Stresses the critical importance of commodities agreements which should reduce the damaging effects of loss of foreign exchange earnings arising from deterioration in the prices of primary commodities.

10. Further urges the member states to continue to exert efforts for implementation of the Plan of Action to strengthen Economic cooperation among member states.

11. Requests the General Secretariat and the Ankara Centre to continue to follow up the progress of international economic negotiations and trends in World Economy, and to submit regular reports to the Conference.

12. Also requests the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade to follow up the progress of international trade negotiations and other important developments in the trade sector affecting world economy, and submit periodic reports.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/14-E

STATUS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HIGH LEVEL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MEETING OF EXPERTS ON THE PLAN OF ACTION TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG MEMBER STATES OF THE OIC

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

Recalling Resolution No. 1/3-E (IS) adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference on "The Plan of Action to Strengthen economic Cooperation among the Member States";

Also recalling Resolution No. 2/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Report of the High Level Inter-Governmental meeting of Experts on the implementation of the Plan of Action to strengthen Economic Cooperation among member states;

Nothing with appreciation the efforts exerted by the General Secretariat to implement the Plan of Action and the positive response from some member states in this direction;

Also taking note of the report submitted by the General Secretariat highlighting the stages and constraints to the implementation sector by sector of the Plan of Action;

Recognizing that the Plan of Action has called for the preparation of studies and convening of periodic meetings in the fields covered by the Plan of Action.;

Realizing that continuous efforts would have to be made by the member states, both individually and collectively, to attain the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action, sector by sector;

1.Requests the General Secretariat to submit a report on the progress of the implementation of the Plan of Action to the Fourth Islamic Summit to enable fixation of priorities of the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action to strengthen Economic Cooperation among Member States.

2.Requests the General Secretariat to continue to take necessary steps required to implement the various recommendations contained in the Plan of Action, including the completion of the studies and convening of Expert Group meetings envisaged under the various sectors contained in the Plan of Action.

3.Urges the member states to extend all possible assistance to the General Secretariat and its specialized and affiliated agencies to help implement the plan of Action.

4.Appeals to the member states to offer to hold the various meetings envisaged under the Plan of Action and to participate to the maximum extent possible in these meetings.

RESOLUTION NO 3/14-E

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED MEMBER STATES

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

Recalling Resolution No. 5/3-E (IS) of the Third Islamic Summit Conference, and Resolution No. 3/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Economic Problems of the Least Developed Member States,

Taking note of the report of the General Secretariat on the progress of the implementation of these Resolutions;

Noting with appreciation the increased financial assistance being offered by the Islamic Development Bank to the Least Developed Member States in pursuance of the relevant Resolution adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference;

Expressing concern that the economic problems of the Least Developed Member States have deteriorated in recent years due, amongst other things, to declining bilateral and multilateral international development assistance;

Noting with disappointment the slow progress of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade of a 80s adopted at the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries held in Paris in 1981;

Expressing concern that UNCTAD-VI resolution regarding implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least developed countries for the Decade of 80s is not commensurate with the magnitude of the crisis;

Recognizing that only a substantial increase of Official Development Assistance in real terms during the present decade will enable the least developed member countries to achieve the objectives of their country programmes within the framework of the Programme in accordance with aid targets and modalities in the programme and emphasizing that external assistance complements and reinforces domestic efforts in the least developed countries;

Sincerely appreciating the action of donors, particularly those from among the member states, who have fulfilled their aid commitments under the SNPA;

Alarmed at the devastating effect of the world-wide recession since 1981 on the least developed member states;

1. Directs the General Secretariat to give special attention to the problems of Least Developed Member States, to monitor and follow up closely the implementation of the decisions of the United Nations Conference on Least Developed countries held in Paris in September, 1981, and to submit regular reports on progress thereof to the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

2. Also directs the Ankara Centre to keep in constant review the problems of Least Developed Member States and periodically update its study on the subject.

3. Requests the Member States and the Islamic Development Bank to increase their assistance to the Least Developed Member States as recommended by the Third Islamic Summit.

4. Urges all states in general, and the member states in particular, to implement the decisions of the Paris Conference on the problems of the Least Developed Countries.

5. Urges the international community to implement fully and effectively the SNPA and provide financial assistance to the least developed countries in amounts and on terms commensurate with their immediate and long term development needs, and also urges that industrialized countries who have made specific commitments with respect to aid targets for the least developed countries but who have not yet fulfilled them should do so promptly, and take appropriate action to double their ODA or to attain 0.15 percent of their GNP as ODA to the least developed member states by 1985.

6. Urges developed countries to implement promptly and fully Trade and Development Board Resolution 165 (S-IX).

7. Urges all developed countries to implement the recommendations of the Second Meeting of Multilateral and Bilateral Financial and Technical Assistance institutions with the representatives of the least developed countries, and in particular, to improve the quality and effectiveness of aid.

8. Urges developed countries to urgently implement the special measures for the least developed countries unanimously adopted in the GATT Ministerial Declaration of November, 1982;

9. Reaffirms that regular review and monitoring of the progress in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action at the national, regional and global levels should be undertaken, as envisaged in the Programme, to maintain the momentum of commitments made by the international community and to promote the implementation of the plans and programmes of the least developed member states.

10. Requests the General Secretariat to take appropriate measures to review and monitor implementation, review and monitoring of the Substantial New Programme of Action in the Member States having regard to the mid-term global review to be held in 1985.

11. Requests the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of the SNPA to the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4/14-E
EFFECTS OF EARTHQUAKE AND DROUGHT IN THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC**

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

Recalling the widespread devastation and heavy losses of life and property caused by the earthquake that hit wide areas in the Yemen Arab Republic on 13 December, 1982;

Taking note of the adverse economic consequences of the drought that has stricken the Yemen Arab Republic in 1983;

Recalling United Nations General Assembly Resolution 37/166 of December 1982, the relevant resolution of the Seventh Summit Conference on Trade and Development Resolution 150 (VI);

Also recalling resolution No. 3/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Fully aware that to rehabilitate the areas affected by the earthquake and to remedy the effects of drought requires immense costs, which would adversely affect the implementation of the Development plan in Yemen Arab Republic, one of the least developed countries;

Expressing appreciation of the efforts of some States and organizations, including those that expressed their willingness, to extend assistance to the government of the Yemen Arab Republic in relief activities and rehabilitation of the areas affected by the earthquake;

1. Appeals to all the member states to make generous contribution for the rehabilitation of the areas affected by earthquake and drought in the Yemen Arab Republic.

2. Calls upon the specialized agencies of the OIC to initiate contacts with the Government of the Yemen Arab Republic to determine its needs and the provision of assistance.

3. Requests the Secretary General to report to the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of foreign Ministers on progress achieved in the implementation of this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/14-E ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE LAND LOCKED MEMBER STATES

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

Recalling Resolution No. 4/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the economic problems of Land Locked Member States;

Taking note of the Report of the General Secretariat to implement the aforesaid Resolution within the overall context of the economic problems of the Least Developed Member States as per directive of the 12th and 13th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Also noting the updated study submitted by the Ankara Centre on the economic problems of the Least Developed Member States which also highlights the economic difficulties of the Land Locked Member States;

Further noting with appreciation that the Islamic Development Bank has been providing increased assistance to various projects located in the Land Locked Member States;

1. Appeals to member states in particular, and all states in general, to implement the provisions of Resolutions 63 (III), 98 (IV) of UNCTAD on the specific problems of the land locked developing countries.

2. Requests the General Secretariat to continue to give due consideration to the problems of Land Locked Member States within the overall context of the Least Developed Member States and submit periodic reports to the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

3. Also requests the Ankara Centre to follow the problems of the Land Locked member states on a regular basis within the overall context of its studies on the economic problems of Least Developed Member States.

RESOLUTION NO. 6/14-E

STATUS REPORT ON THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ERADICATION OF BOVINE PLAGUE IN AFRICAN MEMBER STATES

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

Recalling Resolution No. 24/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the campaign for the Eradication of Bovine Plague in African Member States;

Taking note of the Report submitted by the General Secretariat on the implementation of the aforestated Resolution of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

Also noting with satisfaction the positive response of some Member States to assist in the campaign for the eradication of Bovine Plague in African Member States;

Realizing that Bovine Plague, both in Asia and Africa, has led to extensive economic losses and poses threat to live-stock in many Islamic countries;

1. Reiterates its appeal to the Islamic Organizations to participate, in cooperation with the OAU, FAO and IOE, in raising the necessary funds for the Campaign to Eradicate Bovine Plague from the African Continent.
2. Urges the Member States and Specialized Islamic Institutions to render assistance, in the spirit of Islamic Solidarity and fraternity, to the campaign for eradication of Bovine Plague.

RESOLUTION NO. 7/14-E FOLLOW UP REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION RELATING TO LAGOS PLAN OF ACTION

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

Recalling Resolution No. 25/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the support of the Organization of Islamic Conference for the Lagos Plan of Action designed to implement the Monrovia strategy for the economic and social development of Africa;

Noting the study prepared by the Ankara Centre on the Lagos Plan of Action;

Convinced that the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action, which requires harnessing of considerable financial resources, would greatly assist in the progress and development of African countries;

1. Reaffirms its total support to the Lagos Plan of Action as a laudable initiative for the economic and social development of Africa.

2. Appeals to international financing institutions and the United Nations system to provide substantial aid for Africa to help implement the Lagos Plan.

3. Urges the member states to financially assist in realizing the objectives set out in the Lagos Plan of Action.

4. Requests the Ankara Centre to continue its study on the Lagos Plan of Action in conformity with Resolution No. 25/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8/14-E
REPORT ON FOLLOW UP ACTION OF THE FIRST MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON
FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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

Recalling, Resolution No. 5/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development in Islamic Countries held in Ankara, a public of Turkey in October, 1981,

Reiterating the emphasis laid in the aforesaid Resolution on agricultural development as one of the main factors of economic developments one of the main factors of economic development;

Recognizing the vast potential of member states to increase their food production to attain greater self-sufficiency in this sector;

Noting also the report presented by the General Secretariat on the progress and constraints in completion of studies and convening of expert group meetings agreed UPON at the "Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development;

Expressing concern at the slow pace of completion of several studies assigned to certain member states by the Ankara Conference;

Expressing thanks and appreciation to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for convening the Expert Group Meeting on Forestry in March, 1983 which has drawn up some important recommendations for cooperation in this important sector;

Noting with appreciation the statement of the representative of FAO on the ongoing cooperation between the OIC and FAO, and the technical assistance being provided by FAO to help prepare the various studies in the agriculture sector;

Taking due note of the recommendations of the Second Coordination Meeting of OIC Agriculture Ministers held during the Twenty-second Session of FAO Conference in November 1983;

Emphasizing the need for convening of the Second Ministerial Conference at an early date to ensure the follow up and implementation of the recommendations in the Agriculture Sector contained in the Plan of Action to strengthen Economic Cooperation among Member States;

Noting that the Democratic Republic of Sudan has expressed its regrets to host the Second Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development scheduled for 1983;

Taking into account the recommendations on this subject made by the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

1. Take note of the Reports of the Follow Up Committee of the First Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development; the Second Coordination Meeting of the OIC Ministers of Agriculture; and the Expert Group Meeting on Forestry.

2. Notes the decision of the Ministers of Agriculture to set up a working group to look into the progress of studies; fix priorities; and determine revised time frame for completion of the studies and other tasks agreed upon at the First Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development.

3. Appeals to the member states assigned to undertake the studies and convene expert group meetings in the Food Security and Agriculture Sector to do so at their earliest convenience.

4. Also appeals to the Member States to provide data and information required to complete the studies.

5. Urges the member states to come forth with offers to hold the Second Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agriculture.

6. Requests the General Secretariat and the Ankara Centre to continue to follow up the outcome of the First Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9/14-E
PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
MINISTERIAL LEVEL ROUND TABLE CONSULTATION ON INDUSTRIAL
COOPERATION AMONG MEMBER STATES**

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

Recalling Resolution No. 6/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers which approved the report and recommendations of the Ministerial Level Round Table Consultation on Industrial Cooperation among Member States;

Re-emphasizing the importance of rapid industrialization of the Islamic countries and promotion of Joint Ventures as an essential element for achieving collective self-reliance and economic emancipation;

Noting with satisfaction the progress achieved thus far in implementing recommendations of the Ministerial Consultation as reflected in the report submitted by the General Secretariat;

Appreciating the work undertaken by the Task Force on Industrial Cooperation under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Industries of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

Also expressing appreciation to the Republic of Turkey for convening the Expert Group Meeting to study the Draft Statute of the Islamic Cement Association;

Further noting with appreciation the technical assistance extended by UNIDO to the work of the Task Force on Industrial Cooperation;

Noting with satisfaction the efforts being exerted by the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange to promote industrial cooperation, with special emphasis on joint ventures, among Member States;

1. Takes note of the report and recommendations of the Task Force set up by the Ministerial Conference on Industrial Cooperation.

2. Requests the General Secretariat to follow up with Member States and relevant agencies the implementation of the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference on Industrial Cooperation.

3. Urges Member States to render all possible assistance to the General Secretariat in carrying out the aforesaid task.

4. Also urges the Member States to convey, as soon as possible, to the General Secretariat their comments on the Draft Statute of the Islamic Cement Association, and to actively participate in the Second Meeting of the Expert Group to finalise the Draft Statute of the Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 10/14-E PROMOTION AND EXPANSION OF TRADE AMONG MEMBER STATES

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

Recalling Resolution No. 7/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Promotion and Expansion of Trade among Member States;

Noting the Report of the General Secretariat on the progress attained to implement this Resolution, including its participation in the GATT Ministerial Conference (Geneva) in 1982 and UNCTOD VI (Belgrade) in 1983;

Noting with satisfaction that the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade has finalised its programme of work for 1982-86, which would help in the implementation of the important

recommendations contained in the Trade Sector in the Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic Cooperation among Member States, including the convening of an Expert Group Meeting on Trade;

Also noting with appreciation the willingness of UNCTAD to develop close relations with the Organisation of Islamic Conference and its specialised agencies;

Appreciating the expanding role of the Islamic Development Bank in trade financing activities;

Also appreciating the studies undertaken by the Ankara Centre in the field of trade, and the efforts exerted by the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange to forge commercial cooperation among Member States;

Expressing satisfaction at the enthusiastic response of Member States to participate in the Expert Group Meeting on Standardization which the Republic of Turkey has offered to host in 1984;

Taking note of the report of the representative of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange with regard to the convening of the Second and Third Islamic Trade Fairs;

1. Calls for the holding of expert group meeting on Trade in 1984, to be organized by the General Secretariat in collaboration with the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade in Casablanca which should inter-alia focus on the question of priorities in the recommendations on the Trade Sector contained in the Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic Cooperation among Member States.

2. Also calls for the early preparation of various studies in the trade field by the Casablanca Centre, and for the prompt implementation of the Centre's work programme to give the required boost to development of trade among Member States.

3. Urges Member States to participate actively in the Expert Group Meeting on Trade and at the Islamic Trade Fairs.

4. Also urges these Member States, who have not yet done so, to respond favourably to participate in the Expert Group meeting on Standardization.

5. Directs the General Secretariat to follow the outcome of the GATT Ministerial Meeting and UNCTOD VI to keep abreast of international economic negotiations.

6. Requests the Member States, in accordance with the recommendations of the Plan of Action, to coordinate their position on various international economic issues at such meetings.

7. Further requests the Member States to repay the loans they borrowed from the Islamic Development Bank to enable it to proceed with its duties.

8. Also requests the Secretary General of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange and the Director of Casablanca Centre to pursue their contacts with the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Kingdom of Morocco with regard to the convening of the Second and Third Islamic Trade Fairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 11/14-E
THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS

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

Emphasizing the importance of the Integrated Programme of Commodities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the need for early conclusion of international agreements on commodities;

Noting that the International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1982 is an important commodity agreement under the Integrated Programme of Commodities,

Recognizing the importance of jute and jute products to the economies of many developing countries;

Recognizing further that the International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1982 is of particular interest to concerned Islamic countries;

Conscious that Islamic countries account for more than 25 per cent of world jute trade;

Noting that majority of the jute exporting and importing countries have become parties to the Agreement, or have signified their interest to accede to it;

Noting further that the first meeting of the International Jute Council, envisaged in the Agreement, is proposed to be held in Dhaka, in January 1984;

1. Welcomes the conclusion of the International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products on 1 October, 1982 at Geneva.

2. Urges all Member States concerned to accede to the Agreement as soon as possible.

3. Requests the General Secretariat to monitor and apprise the Member States of the progress of accession by concerned Islamic countries.

4. Requests also the Islamic Development Bank, and other financial institutions of the OIC, and the Member States to consider participating in projects in the Member States to be approved by the International Jute Council.

5. Directs the General Secretariat to attend the International Jute Council meeting in Dhaka as an observer.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12/14-E
FOLLOW UP REPORT ON THE EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON COOPERATION
AMONG MEMBER STATES IN THE FIELD OF INSURANCE AND RE-INSURANCE**

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

Recalling Resolution No. 8/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Expert Group Meeting on cooperation among Member States in the field of Insurance and Re-Insurance held in Dhaka, Bangladesh in April, 1982,

Noting the report of the General Secretariat on the follow-up of the implementation of the aforesaid resolution;

Noting also that several Member States and Islamic Institutions have commented favourably on the recommendations of the meeting of Group of Experts on Insurance and Re-Insurance;

Noting that other Islamic Institutions, such as the Islamic Development Bank, have been established according to Islamic Shariah for the benefit of the Islamic World, and to promote economic development and trade among the Member States;

Welcoming the offer of Bangladesh to host the expert level meeting with a view to examine that the issue of Insurance and Re-Insurance is not inconsistent with the principles of Shariah;

Taking note of the recommendations on this subject of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs,

1. Recognizes the need for the early examination of the recommendations of the First Expert Group Meeting on Insurance and Re-Insurance.
2. Urges those member states, who have not done so , to expedite their comments on the recommendations of the Expert Group meeting on insurance and Re-Insurance as to whether these recommendations conform with the Sharia.
3. Requests the General Secretariat to submit the comments received so far and to be received to an expert level meetings to be convened for this purpose, as early as possible in 1984, as already decided by the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, which will include Insurance Experts from Member States.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13/14-E
ACTIVITIES OF THE ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND
COMMODITY EXCHANGE**

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

Recalling Resolution No. 9/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Report of the Third Meeting of the General Assembly of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange;

Having considered the Report of the Meeting of the Fourth General Assembly of the Islamic Chamber held in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia in April 1983;

Noting also the report on the activities of the Chamber presented by the Secretary General of the Islamic Chamber;

Appreciating the progress achieved by the Islamic Chamber in its various activities, particularly in the field of development and promotion of Joint Ventures;

Noting with satisfaction that plans are underway for the construction of the Chamber's permanent headquarters building in Karachi, Pakistan;

Also noting with concern the unsatisfactory financial situation of the Chamber due to inadequate receipt of annual contributions and insufficient donations.

1. Takes note of the Report of the Fourth General Assembly of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry Commodity Exchange.

2. Urges Member States to invite their National Chamber of Commerce to settle their arrears and make regular contributions to the budget of the Islamic Chamber.

3. Also urges Member States and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to make generous donations to the Islamic Chamber enabling it to complete its building project and to realize its work programme.

RESOLUTION NO. 14/14-E
ACTIVITIES OF THE ISLAMIC CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE

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

Recalling Resolution No. 10/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic conference of foreign Ministers on the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade, Casablanca, kingdom of Morocco;

Noting with appreciation that the Headquarters Agreement on the establishment of the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade was concluded and signed between the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Organisation of Islamic Conference of Safar 3, 1403 H (November 22, 1982),

Also noting with satisfaction that the aforementioned Centre is now operating in a building generously provided by the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco.

Taking note of the reports of the First and Second meetings of the Board of Directors of the Centre including the Centre's work Programme for 1983-86 and its financial and personnel Regulations drawn up at these two meetings,

Noting also the reports presented by the General Secretariat and the Director of Casablanca Centre on the activities of the Centre,

Lauding the generous donations of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Kingdom of Morocco towards the Budget of the Centre,

Emphasizing the importance of trade and commercial cooperation among Member States, and the important role of the Casablanca Centre in realizing the objectives of these sectors,

Noting the recommendations of the Tenth Session of the Islamic commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs,

1. Expresses satisfaction at the setting up of the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade which has now commenced its activities.
2. Takes note of the Reports of the first and Second Meetings of the Board of Directors and the Work Programme for 1983-86 of the Centre.
3. Requests THE MEMBER states, who have not yet done so, to expedite the payment of their regular contributions to the Budget of the Centre, and to come forthwith generous donations and render necessary support, to enable the center to realize its aims and objectives.
4. Also requests the Member States to respond promptly to the announcement of vacant posts circulated by the Director of the Centre and to nominate appropriate candidates to three posts.

RESOLUTION NO. 15/14-E

STATUS REPORT ON THE SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON PROMOTION, PROTECTION AND GUARANTEE OF INVESTMENTS IN THE MEMBER STATES

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

Recalling Resolution No. 11/13-E of the thirteenth Islamic Conference of foreign Ministers on the signature and ratification of the Agreement on Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments in the Member States,

Reiterating the importance of putting the Agreement into effect at an early date to help Member States promote and develop economic and commercial cooperation,

Noting with satisfaction that so far, ten Member States have signed the Agreement and three of them have ratified it,

1. Urges the Member States, who have not yet signed or ratified the Agreement, to do so as early as possible.
2. Requests the General Secretariat to follow up the implementation of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 16/14-E
CONSOLIDATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

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

Recalling the Final Declaration of the Third Islamic summit Conference, which decided that member States, in a position do so, contribute at least US \$ 3 billion for the consolidation of the Islamic World Development Programme;

Recalling also resolution No. 12/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of foreign ministers;

Further recalling with appreciation that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Kuwait have announced generous contributions of US \$ One billion and US \$ 500 Million respectively towards this Development Programme;

Noting the Report submitted by the General Secretariat on the implementation of the Resolutions of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on this subject, which highlights the slow progress achieved thus far;

Taking into consideration the recommendations of the Tenth Session of the Islamic commission for Economic, cultural and social Affairs;

1. Calls for the convening, as early as possible, of another meeting of the representatives of the National Development Funds of the donor Member States to work out details and procedures for implementation of the relevant resolutions on the Development Programme in the Islamic world, and to urge the National Development funds to participate in the meeting.
2. Reiterates its appeal to Member States, who have not thus far announced their contributions to the Development Programme, to do so as early as possible.
3. Requests the National Development Funds of Donor member States to consider the requests for project assistance in the fields of infrastructure, electricity and agriculture received from Member States.

4. Also requests the General Secretariat to follow up the implementation of the decisions on this subject of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 17/14-E

STATUS REPORT ON THE PROPOSED SIXTH MEETING OF GOVERNORS OF CENTRAL BANKS AND MONETARY AUTHORITIES OF THE MEMBER STATES

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

Recalling Resolution NO. 13/13-E of the thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the fifth Meeting of the Governors of Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the Member States,

Noting with satisfaction the steps taken by the General Secretariat to follow up the implementation of the recommendations of the Fifth Meeting of the Governors of Central Banks and Monetary Authorities as well as their previous annual meetings;

Noting further that the two Study Groups on Capital markets and establishment of an Export Credit Guarantee Scheme set up by the Fifth Meeting of Governors have held their meetings in Amman and Karachi respectively, and that the reports of those meetings have been circulated to the Member States and Governors of Central Banks and Monetary Authorities.

Taking note of the recommendations on this subject made by the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, cultural and Social Affairs;

1. Urges Member States to offer to host the Sixth Meeting of Governors of Central Banks and Monetary Authorities.

2. Requests the General Secretariat to maintain close contact with the Member States as regards the date and venue of the meeting, and convene this meeting in case no offer is received from Member States.

3. Also requests the General Secretariat to continue to follow-up the implementation of the various recommendations of the meetings of the Governors.

RESOLUTION NO 18/14-E

ACTIVITIES OF THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

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

Recalling Resolution No. 6/3-a(IS) of the Third Islamic Summit which urged that the un-subscribed Dart of the authorised capital of the Islamic Development Bank be subscribed with a view to expanding the Bank's resources and enabling it to fulfill its functions;

Also recalling Resolution No. I4/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Activities of the Islamic Development Bank;

Noting with appreciation that Member States have increased their share of contributions to the paid-up capital of the Bank;

Also noting with appreciation that the trade financing operations of the Bank, as well as its other development finance activities, including Joint Ventures, have continued to expand, as reflected in the Report submitted by the IDB;

1. Urges the Member States, who have not done so yet, to expedite payment of their increased share of contributions to the paid-up capital of the Islamic Development Bank.

2. Requests the Bank to continue to accelerate its trade financing operations along with its other activities.

RESOLUTION NO. 19/14-E

ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ISLAMIC BANKS

The Fourteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, meeting in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 2-7 Rabiul Awal 1404 H, corresponding to 6-11 December, 1987,

Recalling Resolution No. 15/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the activities of the International Association of Islamic Banks;

Recalling also that the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers approved the findings of the report on the comparative study of the Islamic Research and Training Institute and the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Economy, which concluded that there was no duplication in the activities of the two Institutes;

Noting with satisfaction the progress made by the International Association of Islamic Banks in spreading Islamic Economics concept through studies, research and seminars, and in rendering help in the establishment of new Islamic banks and to ensure cooperation and coordination with existing National Islamic Banks, as reflected in its annual report;

Noting that the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Economics has become operational, and has started its training programmes in the field of Islamic Banking and Economics, as mentioned in the Institute's annual report;

Also noting that several new Islamic Banks, Investment, Business and Insurance Companies dealing in conformity with Sharia laws have been opened during the past year and that the existing ones continue to make progress

Noting further that some Member States have already taken necessary measures to promote Islamic Banking;

Taking into account the recommendations on the subject of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

1. Takes note of the reports on the Activities of the International Association of Islamic Banks, and the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Economy.

2. Requests the General Secretariat to initiate, in collaboration with the IAIB, a study on evaluation and progress of implementation of "Regulations and Guidelines on Promotion, Establishment and Supervision of Islamic Banks".

3. Urges the Member States to render necessary help and assistance to the Islamic Banks.

4. Appeals to the Member States and the International Islamic financial institutions to provide assistance and material and moral support to the International Association of Islamic Banks and the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Economy to enable them to promote their activities.

RESOLUTION NO. 20/14-E

STATUS REPORT ON THE SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF THE STATUTE OF THE ISLAMIC CIVIL AVIATION COUNCIL

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

Recalling Resolution No. 16/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic conference of Foreign Ministers on the Third Expert Level Meeting on Civil Aviation and approving the Statute of the Islamic Civil Aviation Council;

Noting the report of the General Secretariat on the steps taken to implement the afore-stated Resolution;

Appreciating that three member States have signed the Statute of the Islamic Civil Aviation Council whose Headquarters will be in Tunis, Republic of Tunisia;

Reaffirming the importance of developing prompt and efficient communication links among member States, and the need for strengthening cooperation and coordination in the field of air transport;

1. Urges the member States, who have not done so, to sign and ratify the Statute of the Islamic Civil Aviation Council so that the required number of signatures to make the Council Operational is reached at an early date.

2. Requests the General Secretariat to continue to exert efforts for the signature and ratification of the Statute of the Council by member States.

RESOLUTION NO. 21/14-E

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIRD EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON CIVIL AVIATION

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

Recalling Resolution No. 16/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Third Expert Group Meeting on Civil Aviation, and the Draft Statute of the National Airlines Association of Member States;

Noting that the General Secretariat has circulated to the Member States, for comments, the Draft Statute of the Association of National Airlines, which had been prepared by Saudia, the National Airline of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

Noting also the recommendations of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Urges the Member States to expedite comments on the Draft Statute of the Association of National Airlines to enable the General Secretariat to convene an Expert Group meeting as decided by the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 22/14-E

COOPERATION AMONG MEMBER STATES IN THE FIELD OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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

Recalling Resolution No. 17/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on Cooperation among Member States in the field of Telecommunications,

Recalling further the recommendations in the Telecommunications field contained in the Plan of Action to strengthen Economic Cooperation among Member States;

Reaffirming the importance of cooperation among Member States in the field of Telecommunications to establish and develop communication links to strengthen the relations among them;

Taking note of the Report of the meeting of the Working Group on Telecommunications held in Jeddah in December, 1982, in pursuance of the recommendations of the Second Expert Group Meeting on Telecommunications,

Noting that the Draft Statute of the Islamic Telecommunications Union prepared at the meeting of the Working Group has been circulated by the General Secretariat for comments

to the Member States in preparation for the Third Expert Group Meeting to finalise the Draft Statute of the Union;

Also noting the report of the General Secretariat on this subject;

1. Urges Member States, who have not yet done so, to expedite their comments on the Draft Statute of the Islamic Telecommunications Union.
2. Requests the General Secretariat to convene another meeting of the Expert Group at an early date, after receipt of comments from Member States, to finalise the Draft Statute of the Union for submission to the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, through the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 23/14-E

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ISLAMIC SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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

Recalling Resolution No. 4/3-E (15) of the Third Islamic Summit on the establishment of the Islamic Shipowners Association;

Recalling further Resolution No. 18/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the same subject 7

Noting with appreciation the generous donation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia towards the Islamic Shipowners Association

1. Expresses satisfaction that by now 10 Member States have signed the Statute of the Association which is the required number to make the Association operational.
2. Requests the General Secretariat to establish the necessary contacts with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which will host the seat of the Association, with a view to the early establishment of the Islamic Shipowners Association, and the appointment of the first Secretary General of the Association.
3. Appeals to these Member States, who have not yet done so, to sign the Statute of the Islamic Shipowners Association.
4. Also appeals to the Member States to provide every assistance to the Association to enable it to realise its aims and objectives.

RESOLUTION NO.24/14-E

REPORT ON THE EXPERT LEVEL MEETING ON LABOUR , KNOWHOW AND SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Recalling Resolution No. 19/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the Report of the Expert Level Meeting on Labour, Know-how and Social Security;

Noting with appreciation the progress made by the General Secretariat and the Ankara Centre to carry out the recommendations contained in the Report of the First Expert Level Meeting on Labour, Know-how and Social Security,.

Further noting that the Second Expert Level Meeting on Manpower Exchange and Social Security, which was scheduled to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in December 1982, was postponed due to insufficient response from the Member States;

Welcoming the offer of Malaysia to re-schedule this meeting in October, 1984;

Emphasizing the recommendations on Manpower and Social Affairs, contained in the Plan of Action to strengthen economic cooperation among Member States;

1. Urges the Member States to participate in the Second Expert Level meeting on Manpower Exchange and Social Security in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which will draw up concrete recommendations for cooperation in the Labour and Social security fields.

2. Requests the Ankara Centre, the Dhaka Centre and the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development to complete the various studies in the field of Manpower Exchange and Development, including a detailed study on the problems and reasons of Brain Drain migration in Member States, for submission to the Kuala Lumpur meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 25/14-E

ACTIVITIES OF THE ISLAMIC CENTRE FOR TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH, DHAKA, BANGLADESH

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

Recalling Resolution No. 20/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the activities of Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research, Dhaka, Bangladesh;

Noting with satisfaction the progress of activities of the Dhaka Centre and the on going construction work of the Centre's building project in spite of acute financial difficulties, as reflected in the report submitted by the Director;

Recalling the emphasis laid by the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the completion of the Centre's building project on schedule in order to make the Centre operational and commence its training programmes as planned;

Recognizing the significance of the ICTVTR as the subsidiary organ of the OIC set up for the attainment of the objective of converting the vast manpower resources of the Ummah into productive human capital through imparting the required technical and vocational training;

Noting with deep appreciation the generous donations extended by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Kuwait to the Centre's building project;

Expressing concern at the difficult financial situation of the Centre resulting from irregular rate of contributions and insufficient donations from the Member States;

1. Takes note of the Reports of the Sixth and Seventh Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
2. Urges Member States to make regular contributions to the budget of the Centre, to settle arrears at the earliest, to make generous donations so that completion of the Centre's building project, its workshop, laboratory and library which is already one year behind schedule is not further delayed, and the Centre is made operational by August, 1984 as envisaged in the revised schedule.
3. Requests the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the Islamic Development Bank to also make generous donations to the Centre's building project.
4. Requests Member States to provide relevant information to the Centre in respect of their training needs, and to expedite nomination of personnel and experts required by the Centre to implement its Programme of Activities and Curriculum.

RESOLUTION NO. 26/14-E TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG MEMBER STATES

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

Recalling Resolution No. 21/13-E on Technical Cooperation among Member States of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers which also called for conclusion of cooperation agreements with relevant agencies of the United Nations System;

Noting with satisfaction the reports of the General Secretariat and the Ankara Centre on the progress achieved in drawing up the draft of a General Multilateral Technical Cooperation Agreement for the Member States;

Also noting with satisfaction the training activities of the Ankara Centre, including the 2 training Programmes held already on "Project Preparation and Evaluation for Agricultural

and Rural Development" in Turkey, and "National Income Input-Output Analysis" in Tunisia during 1932-83;

Appreciating the enthusiastic response from Member States and the national and regional training and educational institutions to cooperate with the Ankara Centre in the realization of its training and technical cooperation activities;

Also noting with satisfaction the outcome of the First OIC-UN Coordination meeting held in Geneva in July, 1983, and the on-going cooperation between the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the UN System, and other international and regional Organizations;

1. Directs the General Secretariat, in collaboration with the Ankara Centre and other relevant OIC institutions, to finalize the draft of a General Multilateral Technical Cooperation Agreement for the Member States, and to convene an Expert Level Meeting in 1984 to consider the draft.

2. Requests the Member States to support and participate to the maximum extent possible in the Technical Cooperation and Training Activities of the Ankara Centre and other relevant OIC institutions.

3. Also requests the General Secretariat to continue to follow up its cooperation activities with the United Nations system and with other relevant national, international and regional organizations.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27/14-E
ACTIVITIES OF THE STATISTICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH AND
TRAINING CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES, ANKARA, TURKEY**

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

Recalling Resolution No. 22/13-E of the Thirteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on the activities of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries, Ankara, Republic of Turkey;

Noting with appreciation that the Status Agreement of the Centre had entered into effect from July, 1982 after the official ratification of the documents relating to the Agreement by the Government of the Republic of Turkey;

Also noting with satisfaction the progress made by the Centre in its various activities, especially in respect of computerization of its data base, as reflected in the Report of the Director of the Center;

Taking due note of the financial difficulties continued to be faced by the Centre due to irregular payments of certain contributions to the budget of the Centre;

Lauding the generous donations made by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Turkey, and the Islamic Solidarity Fund which has enabled the Centre to carry out its programme of Work;

Recalling the role which the Ankara Centre is playing in carrying out the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action to strengthen Economic Cooperation among Member States;

1. Takes note of the reports of the Eighth and Ninth Meetings of the Board of Directors of the Ankara Centre, and the report of the Second Meeting of Heads of National Statistical Organizations of the Member States.

2. Urges Member States to meet their obligation to make regular payments, settle the arrears to the budget of the and to make voluntary contributions to assist the Centre.

3. Urges Member States to actively participate in the activities, provide up-to-date information and statistics on a regular basis, and to help fill the vacancies requisite posts available in the Centre.