

## Islamic Conference

### 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers

#### Resolutions on Dawa Activities and Reactivation of the Committee on Coordination of Joint Islamic Action

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##### RESOLUTION NO1/31-DW

##### ON DAWA ACTIVITIES AND THE REACTIVATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION OF JOINT ISLAMIC ACTION

The 31st Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Progress and Global Harmony) held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, 26-28 Rabiul Thani, 1425H (14-16 June 2004);

Recalling the Resolutions adopted by the Eighth Islamic Summits and other Conferences particularly the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference;

Referring to the provisions of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

Recalling the Casablanca Declaration issued by the Seventh Islamic Summit Conference;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the subject;

1. Requests the Committee for the Coordination of Joint Islamic Action to develop a mechanism for the admission of Islamic organizations that meet appropriate membership criteria.
2. Calls for the convening of the experts meeting to review and assess the progress of the Committee for the Coordination of Joint Islamic Action through practical proposals to overcome the obstacles faced by the Committee and develop working, implementation, and follow-up mechanisms.
3. Expresses its thanks to the governments of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Islamic Republic of Iran, the World Islamic Call Society in Tripoli, and Al-Azhar Al-Sharif for hosting the meetings of the Committee for the Coordination of Joint Islamic Action in the Field of Dawa.
4. Approves the recommendations issued by the Thirteenth Session of the OIC Coordination Committee for Joint Islamic Action in the Dawa field, held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah from 19 to 21 May 2003 at the gracious invitation of the World Muslim League.
5. Requests the Secretary General to follow-up the matter and report thereon to the 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/31-DW

ON THE STRATEGY FOR JOINT ISLAMIC ACTION IN THE FIELD OF DAWA AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM

The 31st Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Progress and Global Harmony) held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, 26-28 Rabiul Thani, 1425H (14-16 June 2004);

Referring to the provisions of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

Recalling the Dakar Declaration issued by the Sixth Islamic Summit Conference pledging “the commitment of the leaders of the Islamic Ummah to providing the Organization of the Islamic Conference with the required resources in order to support and coordinate Islamic Dawa efforts and to improve educational curricula and training programmes as well as to disseminate the teachings of Islam throughout the world, within the framework of cooperation among States and of respecting their sovereignty; and also to instill the lofty values of Islam”;

Inspired by the resolutions of previous Islamic Conferences;

Recalling Resolution No. 32/21-C adopted by the Twenty-first Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) approving the development of an Islamic Dawa Strategy in keeping with the provisions of the Cultural Strategy Document approved by the Sixth Islamic Summit Conference;

Recalling the Resolutions adopted by the Nineteenth Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural, and Social Affairs held in Jeddah from 27 Muharram—2 Safar 1416H (24-29 June 1995),

Inspired by Resolution No. 37/8-C (IS) adopted by the Eighth Islamic Summit Conference held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, from 9-11 Shaaban 1418H (9-11 December 1997);

Recalling Resolution No. 40/9-C (IS) adopted by the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference held in Doha, from 16-17 Shaaban 1421H (12-13 November 2000);

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the previous phases of the Strategy for Islamic Dawa and its Implementation Mechanism; recommends the following:

1. Requests Member States to take the necessary steps to incorporate the Strategy on joint Islamic Action in the Field of Dawa approved by the Twenty-third Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers into their national policies in the educational, information, Islamic Dawa and other fields as a methodology to be followed in Joint Islamic Action.
2. Urges Member States to support the Plan of the Strategy and endeavor to implement the Strategy for the Islamic World.
3. Invites the Secretary-General to establish direct contacts with the Ministers of Awqaf in the Member States to urge them to take advantage of the Strategy and

circulate it to Imams of Mosques and leaders of Islamic centers affiliated to the Ministries of Awqaf in the Member States.

4. Appeals to the Member States to coordinate the efforts of Islamic Dawa through the Ministers of Awqaf in order to implement the Strategy on Joint Islamic Action in the Field of Dawa.

5. Requests the Secretary General to follow-up the matter and report thereon to the 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3/31-DW

#### ON CONSIDERING THE CHALLENGES FACED BY THE ISLAMIC UMMAH IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

The 31st Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Progress and Global Harmony) held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, 26-28 Rabiul Thani, 1425H (14-16 June 2004);

Recalling Resolution No. 38/29-C adopted by the Twenty-fifth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM); and recalling also Resolution No. 40/30-C adopted by the Twenty-sixth ICFM held in Ouagadougou, which “commissions the experts group to continue to finalize the examination of challenges that face the Islamic Ummah”;

Recalling Resolution No. 45/9-C (IS) adopted by the Ninth Islamic Summit Conference held in Doha, on 16-17 Sha’aban 1421H (12-13 November 2000); which “Commissions the Experts Group to continue to finalize the examination of challenges that face the Islamic Ummah in the Twenty-first Century, by taking further practical steps to confront these challenges and counteract any negative propaganda, and to correct any misunderstanding and promote the true image of Islam”;

Referring to the provisions of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the subject; recommends the following:

1. Requests the Experts Group to continue to finalize the examination of challenges that face the Islamic Ummah and of steps to confront these challenges whilst calling on assistance from a limited number of experts in economics, education, and information.
2. Calls on the Experts Group to develop a methodology to determine the real challenges that imperil the Islamic Ummah.
3. Recommends the Experts Group to consider in particular such issues as globalization, ideological, and psychological challenges, as well as modernity, secularism, culture, and education.

4. Calls on the Committee to expand the scope of civilizational discourse addressed to the various groups of the Islamic Ummah so as to increase their awareness of the responsibility incumbent upon them in facing the challenges ahead, finding possible solutions, and empowering the Islamic Ummah to fulfill its civilizational role.
5. Calls for necessary action to eradicate poverty, ignorance, and disease which are the major challenges in Islamic societies and are at the same time the main obstacles to development.
6. Calls for necessary attention to the education of young generations, particularly from sound Islamic, psychological, and knowledge-based perspectives.
7. Urges scientific and research institutions to conduct scientific studies of major issues and challenges concerning the future of the Ummah.
8. Endorses the DRAFT RESOLUTIONS of the third meeting of the Expert Group entrusted with examining the various challenges that the Islamic Ummah is facing in the 21st Century, held in Tripoli from 13 to 15 April, 2002.
9. Commends and adopts the strategies and medium-term action plan prepared by ISESCO to enable the Islamic Ummah to address the educational, scientific, cultural and communication challenges confronting it in the 21st Century. Expresses profound appreciation for the content of the study submitted by ISESCO on its vision regarding international challenges and charges within its scope of work.
10. Expresses its appreciation to the World Islamic Call Society in Tripoli for hosting the first and second meetings of the Experts Committee.
11. Expresses its thanks to the World Academy for Rapprochement among Islamic Madhib in Tehran for hosting the 4th meeting of the Experts Committee on the consideration of the challenges faced by the Muslim Ummah in the 21st Century.
12. Adopts the recommendations of the Fourth Meeting of the Committee of Experts in charge of examining and exploring the challenges facing the Muslim Ummah in the Twenty-first Century, held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran from 12 to 14 July 2003.
13. Expresses its appreciation to the International Islamic Dawa Organization in Khartoum for hosting the Fifth meeting of the Expert Committee on the Challenges facing the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century.
14. Endorses the recommendations issued by the Fifth meeting of the Expert Committee on the Challenges facing the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century which was held in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan from 28 to 30 March 2004.
15. Requests the Secretary General to follow-up the matter and report thereon to the 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 4/31-DW

ON DAWA ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF PILGRIMS OF MAKKAH HOLY MOSQUE ABOUT THE RITES OF PILGRIMAGE (HAJJ) AND WORSHIP

The 31st Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Progress and Global Harmony) held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, 26-28 Rabiul Thani, 1425H (14-16 June 2004);

Referring to the provisions of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference,

Recalling the Casablanca Declaration issued by the Seventh Islamic Summit Conference,

Recalling also the Resolution No. 37/8-C(I.S.) and Resolution No. 40/30-C on the reactivation of Islamic Da'awa and activities of the Coordination Committee of Joint Islamic Action issued respectively, by the Eighth Islamic Conference held in Tehran from 9-11 December 1997, and the Twenty-sixth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Ouagadougou from 28 June to 1 July 1999, on inviting the Centres of Islamic Culture and Centres of Da'awa to promote the awareness of the pilgrims of the Holy Mosque about the rituals of pilgrimage and worship on their arrival in the Holy Places for performing Hajj,

Recalling the Resolution No. 30/29-C issued by the 29th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,

Recalling also the Resolution adopted by the relevant Islamic Conferences,

Recommends the following:

1. Invites Islamic Cultural and Da'awa Centres to educate pilgrims about rituals and practices prior to their arrival in the Holy Places to perform the Hajj duty.
2. Expresses appreciation to Member States which educate the pilgrims of the Holy Mosque about the rituals of Hajj; and invites Member States to create awareness to their pilgrims prior to their arrival in the Holy Places, through the concerned quarters
3. Requests the Secretary General to follow-up the matter and report thereon to the 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/31-DW

DAWA ACTIVITIES FOR HOLDING MORE SYMPOSIA ON PROJECTING THE REAL CIVILIZATIONAL IMAGE OF ISLAM IN THE WORLD

The 31st Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Progress and Global Harmony) held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, 26-28 Rabiul Thani, 1425H (14-16 June 2004);

Referring to the provision of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

Recalling the Casablanca Declaration issued by the Seventh Islamic Summit Conference;

Recalling also the Resolution adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences on the reactivation of Islamic Dawa (Call) and invigoration of the Committee for Coordination of Joint Islamic Action, entrusting the Secretary General of the Organization to work for holding more symposia on the Islamic Culture and call;

Recalling also Resolution No. 30/29-C adopted by the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers;

Recalling Resolutions taken by the Islamic Conferences on holding more symposia on Islamic Culture and Call, especially after it has been established that previous symposia were effective in projecting the real civilizational image of Islam and confronting the blasphemous attempts launched against Islam and Islamic civilization;

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary General on these symposia, recommends the following:

1. Calls for holding further symposia on the Islamic Culture and Dawa, and Islamic Civilization, in coordination with the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and social Affairs.
2. Highly appreciates and takes note of the recommendations issued by the International Symposium held in Malmo city in Sweden from 5 to 7 December, 2003 under the theme of "Islam in Sweden: Cultural Dimensions and Human Relations".
3. Expresses thanks to the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the Islamic Development Bank, the World Islamic Call Society, the World Islamic Charitable Organization, the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Waqf, Dawa and religious guidance of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other Islamic Associations for their valuable material assistance to the Islamic symposia held by the Organization of the Islamic Conference.
4. Requests the Secretary General to follow-up the matter and report thereon to the 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.