



REPORT OF THE 28TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE ISLAMIC CHAMBER ISTANBUL –REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, 11TH APRIL 2012

Upon the kind request of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry, held its 28th General Assembly Meeting in Istanbul –Republic of Turkey on Wednesday, 11th April 2012.

Inaugural Session:

The Inaugural Session was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 11th April 2012 with the recitation from the Holy Quran. Thereafter, the session was addressed by the following dignitaries:

- H.E. **Shaikh Saleh Kamel**, President of the ICCI
- H.E. **M. Rifat Hisarciklioğlu**, President of TOBB and Vice President of ICCI
- H.E. Prof. Dr. **Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu**, Secretary General of the OIC
- H.E. **Bülent Arınç**, Vice Prime Minister of Turkey

Summary of speeches, is attached.

Signing of Halal Agreements with some Member Chambers

The Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry signed agreements for cooperation in the field of Halal Commerce and Industries with the following institutions:

- Council of Saudi Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry & Pakistan Halal Products Development Board
- Irish Islamic Chamber of Commerce

Proceedings of the General Assembly Meeting:

(1) Election of the office bearers:

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| • H.E. Shaikh Saleh bin Abdullah Kamel | Kingdom of Saudi Arabia | Chairman |
| • H.E. Mustafa Rifat Hisarciklioglu | Republic of Turkey | Vice Chairman |
| • H.E. Ahmed Al-Wakeel | Arab Republic of Egypt | Vice Chairman |
| • Dr. Abdul Sattar Eshrah | Arab Republic of Egypt | Rapporteur |

(2) Adoption of the Draft Agenda:

- The agenda was adopted with the addition of an item requested by Mr. Ahemd Al-Wakeel, about FEDCOC invitation to the members of the ICCI to attend the events in Alexandria in November 2012.
- The President opened the session by announcing that the quorum was met by the attendance of the 17 members who have right to vote out of 18 members. Bearing in mind that the total attendance is of 25 members in addition to the observers & OIC affiliated institutions:
- The representative of Somali Chamber requested for being granted the right to vote hence they are excused from paying subscription in view of the circumstances of the Republic of Somalia at the moment, which are similar to those of Palestine.
- Then the representative of Afghanistan Chamber took the floor and said that they are attending the meeting for the first time and they did not receive the invitation in the past and therefore they request to be granted the right to vote, if there is voting opportunity, taking into consideration of their pledge, to regularly pay their subscription.
- The General Assembly agreed to these two requests.
- The President of the Union of Libyan Chamber, then took the floor and stated, that Libya did not pay its subscription in the past due to the circumstances where the Chamber was completely controlled by the Government and their representatives were chosen by the Government without the consent of the people and the business community. He said that it is his honor to be with his brothers the members of the ICCI and he will do arrangements with the General Secretariat of the ICCI to completely pay all arrears due on Libyan Chamber.
- H.E. President of the ICCI welcomed the Chambers of Somalia, Afghanistan and Libya and he said that if the ICCI is not facing financial difficulties, it would support these Chambers financially and technically. However, he received acceptance and desire from the Chambers of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Turkey, to extend technical support and training for the staff of these countries.

(3) Adoption of Reports

- (a) The 14th Board of Directors Meeting of the Islamic Chamber, held on 10th April 2012 in Istanbul – Republic of Turkey including the report of the 48th Financial Committee Meeting held on 9th April 2012 in Istanbul – Republic of Turkey.
- (b) The 13th Board of Directors Meeting of the Islamic Chamber, held on 30th November 2011 in Khartoum – Republic of The Sudan.

After review and discussion, all the above reports were adopted.

(4) Report of the Secretary General on the activities of the Islamic Chamber and the Work Plan for 2012, in addition to Item (9) Forthcoming Events of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry

The Secretary General of the Islamic Chamber presented a comprehensive report on the achievements of the Islamic Chamber and its Work Plan for 2012 (attached). The General Assembly adopted the report and considered it as part of these minutes.

(5) Financial Report:

- (a) Subscriptions received in 2011 including arrears and of those till March 31, 2012, including arrears**
- (b) Initiatives taken for the settlement of arrears**

(6) Adoption of the Audit Report for the year ended 31st December 2011.

H.E. The President said that the subject of the arrears has been discussed several times in the past and a number of options and incentives had been formulated for clearance of these subscriptions and arrears and he asked why we create a huge entity as the Islamic Chamber and we don't pay subscriptions or clear arrears and therefore as we look forward for more payment of subscription and arrears, and called upon the members to also contribute to the implementation of the 10 Year Work Plan, which had been declared.

(7) Adoption of the amended Draft Statute of the ICCI.

In view of the desire to devise a reconciliatory system without opting for casting votes, H.E. The President decided to form a committee comprised of the following:

- H.E. Mustafa Rifat Hisarciklioglu Turkey
- H.E. Ahmed Al-Wakeel Egypt
- H.E. Dr. Mohammad Agha Nahavandian Iran
- H.E. Senator Nael Raja Hasan AlKabariti Jordan

Whereas the said Committee, is entrusted to work out a reconciliatory drafting on the disputed articles. After the Committee met, it decided the following:

- (a) Article (3) to add at the end of Article (**appointment of lawyers**)
- (b) Article (5) to replace the two words (**branch membership**) with (**as part of the delegation**)
- (c) Article (19) Paragraph (1) to add at the end of the paragraph (**taking into consideration the geographical representation**).
- (d) Article (19) Paragraph (3) to delete the sentence (**taking into consideration the geographical representation**).
- (e) Article (21) Paragraph (4) to delete the sentence (**taking into consideration the geographical representation**).

The General Assembly agreed to adopt the amended Statute, which is submitted as part of the working documents of the General Assembly Meeting, after incorporating the above amendments and it will become effective from this date.

(8) To recommend approval of granting the suitable membership Status to the following applicant Chambers:

- **Brazil Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry**
- **European Islamic Economic Corporation**
- **Ghana Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry**
- **Irish Islamic Chamber of Commerce**

The General Assembly agreed to grant the **affiliate** member status to these institutions after receiving their official documents in accordance to the Statute and with payment of fees specified in the working documents of the General Assembly, which is US\$ 2,500.

As regards the **European Islamic Economic Corporation**, the General Assembly agreed to grant it an affiliate membership provided its name changes to become of a **country** instead of a **continent** and to amend the legal status to become a chamber or an organization that is not profit oriented instead of corporation of company, and to amend its registration in the country of its origin as per the above conditions and to provide the evidence of the registration to the General Secretariat of the Islamic Chamber with the payment of the prescribed membership fees.

(10) Information on date and venue of the future meetings of the Islamic Chamber:

As regard the 15th Board of Directors, it was decided to be held in Karachi, Islamic Republic of Pakistan on 3rd and 4th December 2012.

As regards the 16th Board of Directors and 29th General Assembly Meeting, it was decided to be held in Tehran – Islamic Republic of Iran, as per the resolution of the 13th Meeting of the Board of Directors, held in Khartoum, whereas the exact dates, is to be decided in coordination with the General Secretariat of the Islamic Chamber.

(11) Any other matters:

As per the request of Mr. Ahmed Al-Wakeel, President of the Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce, regarding the invitation extended to the members of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to attend the events organized by FEDCOC in Alexandria – Arab Republic of Egypt, which include the following meetings:

- Union of African Chambers of Commerce, Industries, Agriculture and Handicrafts.
- General Union for Chambers of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture for Arab States.
- The Turkish African Chamber
- The Chinese African Chamber
- The Arab African Chamber
- General Assembly of the Chamber of Mediterranean Sea Basin States

And called for holding a joint meeting among these regional organizations in a such manner that would realize more opportunities of cooperation and solidarity among these states taking into consideration that it is expected to receive delegations and representatives of more than 80 countries, in addition to the other official regional and international organizations.

At the end of the meeting, the members thanked the Chairman of Islamic Chamber H.E. Shaikh Saleh Kamel for his excellent management of the session. The Chairman thanked Bülent Arınç, Vice Prime Minister of Turkey, H.E. Prof. Dr. **Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu**, Secretary General of the OIC for gracing the session and their illuminating addresses. He also thanked H.E. M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu, President of TOBB and Vice President of ICCI and all Board Members of TOBB for their generous hospitality and excellent arrangements for organizing the ICCI Meetings in Turkey.

President

Saleh Abdullah Kamel

Rapporteur

Abdul Sattar Eshrah