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# Under the chairmanship of the OIC Secretary-General, the Bureau Committee held its periodic meeting

H.E. Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen, Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and President of the Council Bureau, chaired the Bureau Committee's periodic meeting on Thursday 09 Jumada Al-Oula 1442, corresponding to 24 December 2020.

The meeting was attended by H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid, President of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and Vice-Chairman of the Bureau, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy and Secretary of the Bureau, as well as other Committee members including H.E. Sheikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalili, Grand Mufti of the Sultanate of Oman, H.E. Dr. Abu Bakr Doukouri, and H.E. Prof. Ajeel Al-Nashmi.

H.E. Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen opened the meeting by expressing his thanks to the Secretariat-General of the Academy and the Bureau members for their continued support to the Academy and highlighted the important intellectual role that the International Islamic Fiqh Academy has played since its creation as the Shariah arm of the OIC, which continues to provide Islamic solutions and answers to the problems of concern to the Muslim communities with a scientific approach based on the promotion of the values such as moderation, tolerance, confronting extremism and fanaticism at all levels. This always had an enormous impact on achieving intellectual security of the Muslim Ummah and the OIC Member States. As for H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid, President of the Academy, he thanked the OIC Secretary-General for his continued support to the Academy.

The meeting discussed the agenda presented by H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano. It included three themes, namely the clause approving the minutes of the last Bureau meeting in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.



The second theme was a detailed annual report on the activities and programs of the Academy. The third theme included the financial report and the proposed budget for the year 2022.

After deliberations and clarifications upon all issues and questions related to the three themes of the meeting, the Bureau issued several recommendations, notably:

- The Bureau expressed its sincere thanks, deep appreciation, and prayers for forgiveness and mercy on H.E. Prof. Abdulsalam al-Abbadi and the expert members who perished this year, such as Sheikh Mohamed Mokhtar al-Salami, Dr. Anas Abdul Nour Kaleesa, Dr. Abdul Sattar Abu Ghudda, Dr. Jafar Abdulsalam, Dr. Muhammad Abdulhalim Omar, and Sheikh Mohamed al-Taskhiri.

- Approval of the minutes of the Bureau's last meeting and adoption of all its articles.

- Approval of the decisions taken by the meetings of the Supervisory Board of the Academy Waqf Fund, that included the designation of the Islamic Development Bank to manage and invest the funds of the Waqf, in addition to celebrating the first donation to the Waqf by H.E. Eng. Solaiman Al-Khereiji. Furthermore, the Committee requested to send brochures about the Waqf Fund of the Academy and its programs and activities to the Committee members to reach out to governmental and charitable organizations to support the Waqf.

- Approval of the statements and recommendations of the Academy's symposium on German measles,

the medico-legal symposium on issues related to the novel coronavirus, as well as the Scientific Forum between the Academy and the Shariah Councils, members of Islamic banks, and financial institutions held in the headquarters country.

- Celebrating the publication of the fourth edition of the resolutions and recommendations of the Academy after an eleven-year interruption. This new edition includes all the resolutions, recommendations and statements issued by the Academy from the 2nd session up to the 24th session (the last session), which reached 238 resolutions and recommendations. The Committee also welcomed the publication of introductory brochures of the Academy in three languages, as well as the updating of the Academy's website in the three official languages and the publication of the monthly newsletter, "Academy News", which contains the most important activities and programs of the Academy.

- Announcing that the 25th session shall be held in November 2021, with the adoption of the most important topics of the session proposed by the members, experts and departments of the Secretariat-General of the Academy.

- Approval of the five-year strategic plan prepared by the Secretariat General of the Academy. This plan includes a precise formulation of the most important activities and programs that the Academy will implement each year for the next five years. The plan also includes a precise formulation of the most crucial performance indicators to ensure that the Secretariat General

al implements its activities and programs in accordance with the strategic plan.

- Approval of H.E. Dr. Muhammad Ahmed Muslim al-Khalayla's appointment by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan as its new representative member, succeeding the late H.E. Prof. Abdulsalam Al-Abbadi.

- Approval of H.E. Dr. Abdel-Rahim Adam Soliman's appointment by the Republic of Sudan as its new representative member, succeeding H.E. Dr. Essam Al-Bashir.

- Referring to the third theme, the Committee took note of the financial report of the Academy which was presented by the Secretariat-General of the Academy, and noted with gratitude that this year the Academy did not register a deficit in its budget. This is due to the intense efforts made by the Secretary-General of the Academy since he assumed office three months ago. His Excellency addressed several Member states of the Academy to settle their arrears which they did over the past two months.

- The Secretary-General of the Academy also informed the Committee members that many Member states are expected to settle their arrears in the coming months, which will enable the Academy to implement its programs and activities and to fulfill its mission in the best possible way.

- At the end of the meeting, the OIC Secretary-General, H.E. Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for the continued support by the Bureau members, headed by H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid, President of the Academy. His Excellency also expressed his sincere thanks to the Secretary-General of the Academy for his highly esteemed efforts, which led to a quantum leap in the activities and programs of the Academy since he took office.



## H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid Visits the Headquarters of the Academy

H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid, Advisor to the Royal Court in KSA, Member of Supreme council of Ulama in KSA, Imam-Khatib at the Great Mosque and President of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, paid a visit to the headquarters of the Secretariat-General of the Academy in Jeddah, where he was received by the Secretary-General of the Academy. The Secretary-General of the Academy welcomed H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid and thanked him for his visit. He also thanked him on behalf of the Academy employees for his outstanding efforts to advance the Academy and accomplish its mission in the desired manner.

H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid inspected the offices which have been modernized, developed and equipped in a manner worthy of the prestigious status of the Academy and its notoriety as the

leading jurisprudential reference for the OIC Member States and Muslim societies around the world.

For his part, H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid commended the radical reforms and expressed his contentment at these developments and changes at the Secretariat-General offices. His Excellency also expressed his satisfaction at the work's progress in the Academy, hoping that the next phase will be even better.

At the end of the visit, His Excellency took commemorative pictures with all the Academy staff and urged them to continue their efforts for the advancement of the Academy to fulfill the hopes placed in it by the OIC Member states.



## Eng. Solaiman Elkhareiji makes the first donation to the Waqf Fund of the Academy...

The Secretary-General of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, received H.E. Eng. Solaiman Elkhareiji and his delegation at his office in Jeddah on Tuesday 7 Jumada Al-Oula 1442, corresponding to 22 December 2020. His Excellency welcomed the honorable delegation and expressed, on behalf of H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid -Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Waqf Fund-, his deep thanks and high appreciation to Eng. Solaiman Elkhareiji, for his generous initiative to endow an apartment in Makkah Al-Mukarramah for the Academy's Waqf Fund. Therefore, this endowment is the first endowment registered in the name of the Waqf Fund of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy since its inception. His Excellency took this opportunity to call upon philanthropists in the Muslim world to support this Waqf Fund to enable the Academy to meet the expectations of the Muslim world and achieve the objectives and hopes placed on it as the first jurisprudential reference for Muslim countries and societies.

For his part, Eng. Solaiman Elkhareiji expressed his joy on this good deed -by Allah the Almighty's grace- which shall contribute to the Academy's progress.

It should be noted that the establishment of a special Waqf Fund for the International Islamic Fiqh Academy is due to the historic decision by the OIC Foreign Ministers Council, provided that the incomes of the Fund are spent to support the Academy's budget. Among meeting attendees were Dr.



Omar Zuhair Hafez, Member of the Supervisory Board of the Waqf Fund, and Mr. Muhammad Solaiman Elkhareiji.





## H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano calls for “closer and permanent cooperation between jurists and doctors” during the 33rd International Conference of Muslims in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Secretary-General of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, participated via videoconference in the 33rd Conference of Muslims in Latin America and the Caribbean, held under the title of “Islamic Legal Provisions on Epidemics and Pandemics” between 15-16 Jamada Al-Oula 1442, corresponding to 30-31 December 2020, jointly organized by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Call Center for Latin America.

In his opening speech, His Excellency praised the importance of this conference in this challenging phase the world is going through due to this pandemic which has claimed nearly two million lives, altered our way of life and had a massive impact on the global economy, he also called upon the participants to foster cooperation and integration between jurists and doctors to formulate jurisprudential rulings that stem from a correct and integrated perception of the issues in hand before clarifying the Shariah provisions that concern them.

In his speech, His Excellency listed



a few Shariah texts that emphasize the need for prevention and treatment through different means to treat diseases. He also spoke about the importance of resorting to the noble Shariah objectives represented by the five necessities.

His Excellency enumerated the main legal maxims that should be taken into account while searching to formulate the Shariah provisions related to the new coronavirus pandemic and other epidemics and diseases. The following are some of the very important legal maxim: the necessity leads to the authorization of the prohibited deeds, the harm must be removed; the hardship begets ease, the custom is of force;



when a matter tightens it must widen and when it widens it must tighten; the general need may become a necessity and consequently it will be treated equally etc. To His Excellency these maxims and others could guide jurists and doctors in their attempt to formulate suitable solutions to the new crises and calamities inshaallah. Indeed, the jurists will have no difficulty in directing, guiding and counseling people once they base their work on these texts and maxims

Again, the legal maxim which

states that “acts of the ruler are commanded by upholding the public interest” and “the ruling of the ruler lifts the disagreement among the views of the jurists”, as well as several Quranic verses on the necessity to obey Allah, His Messenger, and the rulers, His Excellency called upon everyone to respect the precautionary policies and procedures issued by the local authorities around the world to preserve human lives based on the Islamic teachings on the necessity to obey the rulers and those in charge

## GCC-UNHCR Representatives visits the Secretariat-General of the Academy

The Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy received in his office in Jeddah on Wednesday 2 Jamada Al-Oula 1442, corresponding to 16 December 2020, a delegation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, headed by Prof. Khaled Khalifa, the UN Representative in the Gulf Cooperation Council alongside Dr. Mamoun Mohsen.

On this occasion, the delegation thanked and appreciated His Excellency for the fatwah issued by the Academy allowing the HCR to receive Zakat and charity funds from all over the world and distribute them to deserving people such as refugees and displaced persons. They also expressed their deep thanks for this fatwah's enormous effect that enabled the Commissariat to receive \$46 million as Zakat funds and \$ 9.2 million as charity funds between January and June 2020.

The delegation invited H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano to participate in the workshops to be organized by

the HCR Office in Nigeria during the first quarter of 2021 to discuss the conditions of displaced persons and refugees and to organize the collection of Zakat, charities and donations to be spent in the camps established by the HCR Office in Nigeria. His Excellency welcomed this invitation and promised to attend.

His Excellency reviewed with the delegation the issue of street children and the rights of the child, explaining that this phenomenon, which is social, religious and political, is disturbing and dangerous and thus requires concerted efforts by governments, organizations and councils to address and eliminate it, as is the case with the phenomenon of exploitation of disabled persons in begging by gangs.

His Excellency also stressed the gravity of this problem and its repercussions, particularly on the security aspects of societies worldwide. At the end of the meeting, both sides exchanged commemorative souvenirs for the occasion.





## H.E. Prof. Sano Speaks at the Global Conference on “Epidemics in Islamic Civilization”

The Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, participated via video conference in the Global Conference organized by the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences, entitled “Epidemics Management in Islamic Civilization”, between 10-11 Jamada Al-Oula 1442, corresponding to 25-26 December 2020 in the State of Kuwait.

His Excellency delivered his speech at the opening ceremony of the conference in which he emphasized the importance of such events and the expectations from it to crystallize an integrated concept of epidemics and provide medical jurisprudential solutions to many related issues.

H.E. Prof. Sano listed several ahadeeth (citations from the Prophet PBUH) that illustrate the attention that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was paying to the health, welfare and life of human beings, and that, (PBUH) was the



first to establish the isolation and quarantine regulations in force today, when he ordered people to stay in their homes and places in case of an outbreak of an epidemic such as the plague. He also said that the Prophet (PBUH) commanded us not to mingle with the sick in case of an epidemic. The prophet

(PBUH) said, “If you hear of an outbreak of plague in a land, do not enter it; but if the plague outbreaks out in a place while you are in it, do not leave that place.” (Al-Bukhari 5728).

He also said (PBUH): “Those with contagious diseases should be kept away from those who are healthy.”

This is not specific to the plague, but rather includes all other infectious and epidemic diseases.

His Excellency also spoke about several methods followed by the Prophet’s Companions, such as Omar bin Al-Khattab who postponed his journey to the Levant region because of the plague outbreak.

His Excellency further clarified that the aforementioned ahadeeth are considered as testimonies and foundations for the coordination and cooperation efforts in crystallizing concepts and principles that would educate the general public and motivate them to follow the preventive medical instructions, and he confirmed that the International Islamic Fiqh Academy is always ready to work with the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences to clarify the Shariah rulings related to the pandemic, which serve the objectives of the Shariah in protecting lives until the crisis is over.

## The Dean of Consular Corps in Jeddah Visits the Academy



The Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, received on Monday in his office on 6 Jamada Al-Oula 1442 corresponding to 21 December 2020, H.E. Amb. Ali Muhammad Al-Ayashi, Consul General of the Republic of Yemen, and the Dean of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps in Jeddah, who came to congratulate His Excellency on his assumption of office as Secretary-General of the Academy.

His Excellency welcomed Amb. Ali Muhammad Al-Ayashi and thanked him for his well wishes and his visit, which is the first of its kind to the Academy’s headquarters. His Excellency briefed the visitor on the most important scientific and intellectual activities and programs of the Academy.

He also spoke to the Ambassador about the great role played by the Academy in combating intolerance, extremism and fanaticism on both intellectual and behavioral levels by disseminating and strengthening the values of moderation, temperance, and tolerance within and outside the Muslim world.

His Excellency told the Ambassador, that the Academy since its creation has adopted the method of rapprochement and complementarity among the jurists of recognized Islamic schools in formulating its resolutions, recommendations and statements on issues of concern to Muslims around the world. His Excellency also expressed his thanks for the Republic of Yemen’s support to the Academy since its creation to this day. For his part, Amb. Ali al-Ayashi thanked



His Excellency for the additional information on the Academy’s mission and the important activities and programs it carries out in the field of awareness-raising, guidance and leadership. The Secretary-General also reviewed with the guest the distinguished and well-established relations of the Republic of Yemen with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in general and the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in particular and welcomed his willingness to strengthen cooperation with Yemeni scientific institutions.

His Excellency took this opportunity to express the wish of the Secretariat-General of the Academy to hold an extensive consultative meeting with the General Representations and Consulates of the OIC and other countries with Muslim

communities in order to discuss forms and modes of cooperation and coordination between the Academy and the fatwa institutions and Islamic councils in these countries. The Ambassador welcomed this important initiative, emphasizing his willingness – in his capacity as the dean of the diplomatic and consular corps in Jeddah – to communicate with all diplomatic representations and consulates in Jeddah to achieve this initiative by holding a consultative meeting as soon as possible.

At the end of the meeting, H.E. Amb. Ali al-Ayashi visited the Academy’s library named after Sheikh Mohamed Habib Belkhoja, the first Secretary-General and founding member of the Academy.



## The Academy Personal 3rd Periodic Meeting



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, held the third periodic monthly meeting of the Academy's personnel on Sunday 19 Jamada Al-Oula 1442, corresponding to 3 January 2021.

His Excellency reviewed the results of the recent meeting of the Academy's Bureau, which resulted in several decisions,

the most important of which is the adoption of the amended statute of the Academy, which includes the adoption of the new organizational structure of the Academy's departments and divisions.

On this occasion, His Excellency called upon all employees to enhance their efforts to realize the hopes placed on the Academy by the OIC Member states.

His Excellency also spoke of the honorary visit of H.E. Sheikh Saleh bin Humaid, President of the Academy, who inspected the developments and reforms in the departments and sections of the Secretariat-General of the Academy achieved in a record period, which was appreciated and admired by His Excellency – the President of the Academy.

At the end of the meeting, the Secretary-General of the Academy requested all the Academy employees to review the strategic plan in detail and give their feedback before adopting it in its final form.

## Dr. Abdulqahir Qamar chairs the 4th Session of the 33rd Conference of Muslims of Latin America and the Caribbean



On behalf of H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, Dr. Abdulqahir Qamar, Director of Research, Studies and Fatwas Department chaired the 4th Session of the 33rd Conference of Muslims of Latin America and the Caribbean, which was held via videoconference on 16 Jamada Al-Oula 1442, corresponding to 31 December 2020.

During a full hour, participants in the session discussed many topics related to the provisions of Islamic jurisprudence on epidemics and pandemics, as well as Ijtihad and Ifta rules on calamities, and the Shariah provisions on quarantine, curfews, and contact with infected persons.

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# The Secretary-General of IIFA calls international organizations to cooperate with the Academy



The Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, received on Tuesday 30 Rabi' Al-Akhir 1442, corresponding to 15 December 2020 in his office in Jeddah, a delegation of the World Muslim Communities Council, headed by Dr. Muhammad Bachari, Secretary-General of the WMCC, and Prof. Hassan al-Marzouqi, Executive

Director of the WMCC. His Excellency briefed the delegation on the enormous services the Academy renders to the Muslim World. He also briefed the delegation on the Academy's five-year strategic plan, which includes the most important activities and programs that the Academy intends to implement over the next five years with the Muslim communities' issues occupying a prominent place

in these activities and programs. His Excellency also invited the World Muslim Communities Council to cooperate closely with the Academy in implementing all programs and activities related to Muslim communities, in recognition of the leading role that the Council plays in guiding and directing these communities. His Excellency also spoke of the Academy's ex-

perience in coordinating and cooperating with regional and international organizations for achieving objectives of common interest, such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Islamic Advisory Group of the World Health Organization. At the end of the meeting, commemorative souvenirs were exchanged between the two sides on this occasion.

## Prior to his official visit to the Kingdom of Morocco, the Secretary-General receives the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the OIC

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, received H.E. Amb. Abdullah Babah, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the OIC, in his office in Jeddah on Monday 13 Jamada Al-Oula 1442, corresponding to December 28, 2020. His Excellency greeted the Ambassador and expressed his thanks and appreciation for his efforts to strengthen cooperation and partnership between the Academy and the Kingdom of Morocco, under the leadership of the Ministry of Habous (Endow-

ment) and Islamic Affairs of Morocco. H.E. Amb. Abdullah Babah presented the latest preparations for the official visit of the Academy's Secretary-General to the Kingdom of Morocco, scheduled for 7-21 January 2021. His Excellency seized this opportunity to express the Academy's aspiration to hold one of its coming Annual Sessions in the Kingdom of Morocco, in addition to signing memorandums of understanding with prestigious scientific institutions such as the Supreme Scientific Council, the Mohammadian League, and others.





## Within the series of the regular administrative meetings

### The Departments Directors 8th Weekly Meeting

His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Sano opened on Monday 15 Rabi' al-Akhir 1442 corresponding to 30 November 2020, the eighth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments, held via video conference.

After greeting the participants, His Excellency spoke of the great success of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the OIC Member states in Niger on Friday and Saturday 12-13 Rabi al-Akhir 1442, corresponding to 27-28 November 2020, and confirming that the amendments to the Statute of the Academy have all been approved; the most important of which concern the change of the name of the "Secretariat of the Academy" to "Secretariat-General of the Academy" and the name "Secretary of the Academy" to "Secretary-General of the Academy".

His Excellency commended the outstanding efforts



of the late H.E. Prof. Abdulsalam al-Abbadi and his team which led to this fruitful result. His Excellency also congratulated the Academy personnel for the completion of the brochure in the three languages and the issuing of the newsletter, which was widely distributed, and was hugely popular with the attendees.

His Excellency also thanked Mr. Mohamed Silla Al-Bachir, Head of the Warehouse and Library Division, for his remarkable efforts to facilitate the procedures and successful participation of His Excellency in the Conference of the Foreign Ministers of Muslim Countries.

The meeting resulted in several decisions, notably:

- To organize the first scientific forum between the Academy and the Shariah Councils members in the Gulf Cooperation Council on 6/5/1442, corresponding to 21/12/2020.

- To organize a specialized jurisprudential economic symposium on the corona pandemic and submit a general overview in its regard by January 2021.

- To inform the official authorities of the headquarters country and the Member states about the approval of the amended statute of the Academy in its final form.

### The Departments Directors 11th Weekly Meeting

Under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, held the 11th weekly meeting of the departments' directors on Monday 5 Jumada Al-Oula 1442, corresponding to 11 December 2020.

His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the participants, he then presented

the five-year strategic plan of the Academy, explaining that this strategy is a summary of the activities and programs proposed by the Academy's departments. It has been classified scientifically to lead the Academy in achieving its objectives based on its ten core values.

At the end of the meeting, His Excellency expressed his thanks to Dr. Abdel Fattah

Abanouf, Director of the Department of Planning and International Cooperation, and Ms. Sarah Amjd Hussein, Public Relations Officer in the Office of The Secretary General, for their efforts and continuous work to prepare this strategy and present it in its final form.



### The Departments Directors 12th Weekly Meeting

Under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, held the 12th weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments on Monday 13 Jamada Al-Oula 1442, corresponding to 28 December 2020.

His Excellency opened the meeting by greeting the participants and discussed the final modifications made to

the annual strategic plan, the terms of which were presented in detail to the Bureau members with an explanation of the activities and programs derived from the strategic objectives, and the indices derived from them, in addition to the identification of the bodies implementing the activities of the Academy's departments, the proposed budget for the strategy and how to obtain funding for it, which will be either

self-financed or co-financed.

His Excellency confirmed that the work on this strategy shall begin early next year, hoping that it will contribute to achieve the expected objectives of linking religious institutions, unifying efforts, and highlighting the true essence of the Academy through cooperation with other religious institutions and the desire to partner them not to replace them.



### The Heads of Divisions 3rd Periodic Meeting

The Secretary-General of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano, held the third periodic meeting of the heads of the Academy's divisions. His Excellency opened the meeting by thanking the participants for their efforts in implementing the decisions approved by the previous meetings, which go hand in hand with the process of the Academy's development, performance, and the realization of its programs and activities.

His Excellency spoke of the outcomes of the recent meeting of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niger, and resulting decisions, including the approval of the amended Statute of the Academy.

His Excellency commended the first issue of the Academy's newsletter and the introductory brochures



and praised Mr. Mohamed Silla's efforts who accompanied His Excellency on his trip to Niger.

The meeting resulted in a series of decisions, including the following:

- 1 - To study the proposal of periodic mini-seminars among the OIC Member states to deal with crucial topics in the legal, intellectual, educational and cultural fields.

- 2 - Finalize the printing of the Academy's resolutions and recommendations before the end of December 2020.

- 3- Publish the monthly newsletter in the three official languages on the Academy's website.

- 4- Adopt the first day of each Hijri month as the fixed date for the publication of the monthly newsletter of the Academy "Academy News".



## The Departments Directors 9th Weekly Meeting

Under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General of the Academy, the ninth weekly meeting of the directors of the Academy's departments was held on Monday 22 Rabi' Al-Akhir 1442, corresponding to 8 December 2020. His Excellency opened the meeting by greeting the participants, stressing the importance of printing the resolutions of the Academy and the amended Statutes in the three languages in their final form before the next meeting to be presented to the Bureau members. His Excellency also thanked Dr.

Abdel Fattah Abnauf, Director of Planning and International Cooperation, responsible for drafting the administrative minutes of the meetings, for his valuable efforts in facilitating access to information and follow-up for all departments and officials in an accessible and orderly manner. The meeting resulted in several decisions, notably: The necessity to deliver the documents along with the draft budget to be presented to the Bureau members by 15/12/2020 at the latest. -Work on revising the amended

statute from typographical and spelling errors in its final form to send it to the OIC Department of Cultural and Social Affairs before printing. -Review the paper prepared by the Research Department on the organization of a specialized jurisprudential economic symposium on the corona pandemic in December, and compare its outcomes with those of Al-Baraka Symposium and the Abu Dhabi Conference on Emergency Jurisprudence, by 10/12/2020 at the latest.



## The Departments Directors 10th Weekly Meeting

Under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General of the Academy, the 10th weekly meeting of the departments' directors was held on Monday 29 Rabi' al-Akhir 1442, corresponding to 14 December 2020. His Excellency opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and discussed the most important aspects of the meeting he had with H.E. Mr. Mostafa Mihraje, Consul General and OIC Permanent Representative of France, concerning the means of strengthening cooperation and partnership between the Academy and religious authorities in France.

His Excellency spoke with the Consul General of the French Republic about the aggressions against Islam and the Prophet (PBUH) explaining that the true concepts of Islam and the teachings of Shariah are founded on moderation, tolerance, as well as avoiding fanaticism, extremism and violence. His Excellency confirmed to the Consul General that those who insult the Noble Prophet are ignorant of his excellent biography and unparalleled humanism, making it necessary for further cooperation between the Academy and the scientific councils and academic institu-

tions in France. The meeting resulted in several decisions, notably: -To begin the classification and categorization of the Academy's resolutions and recommendations according to the subjects of thought, family, transactions, crimes and others, adding the option to print the resolutions on the Academy's website. -To prepare giftletters for the new edition of the resolutions and recommendations of the Academy. -Requesting departments to prepare weekly reports on their activities to be presented at the weekly meeting.



## The Heads of Division 4th Periodic Meeting

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, held the fourth periodic meeting of the heads of the Academy's administrative and technical divisions on Wednesday 1 Jamada Al-Oula 1442, corresponding to 16 December 2020. His Excellency spoke at the beginning of the meeting about the importance of strengthening cooperation and integration among the Academy's staff according to the ten core values of the Academy. His Excellency called for the need to eliminate the phenomenon of negative rumors in the workplace through mutual support and advocacy in accordance with the hadith of the Messenger, (PBUH): "The parable of the believers in their affection, mercy, and compassion for each other is that of a body. When any limb aches, the whole body reacts with sleeplessness and fever." (Muslim 2586) His Excellency reminded the participants of the importance of adhering to the noble Quranic verse: "O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate, lest



you harm a people out of ignorance and become, over what you have done, regretful." Al-Hujurat 6 This verse means that a talebearer is considered in Shariah, an immoral person whose testimony is not accepted and has no value in society, because gossip and tale-bearing, which mean to transmit false information in order to corrupt people, is considered one of the worst social disease that must be fought for the security of society. His Excellency also stressed the need to deal with each other with

open arms and a clear heart. His Excellency announced the beginning of the implementation of the system of flexible working hours, and he confirmed that the second issue of the monthly newsletter would be published on the first day of each Hijri month. On the other hand, His Excellency stated that the 2021 Strategic Plan is ready and represents a substantial leap in the Academy's progress, as it includes a clear formulation of the activities and programs that the Academy intends to carry out during the next five years. The plan also clarifies the departments and divisions responsible for the implementation of the various programs and activities. It will be made available to all staff so work can begin on the 1st of January 2021. It should be noted that the meeting of the heads of the Academy's divisions is a periodic meeting held every two weeks in the presence of the Secretary-General of the Academy to discuss the progress of the Academy and to follow up its operational plans.