

## **THE KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION 2009**

*Adopted on Sunday, 27 Zul-Qaadah 1430/ November 15 2009 during the Roundtable Meeting of Quality Assurance Agencies of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Member Countries organized by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA).*

The representatives of quality assurance agencies and authorities responsible for higher education from member countries of the OIC as listed in the Appendix, on the occasion of the first Roundtable Meeting of Quality Assurance Agencies of the OIC Member Countries on Sunday, 27 Zul-Qaadah 1430 / November 15 2009

**RECALLING** the discussion of the Fourth Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan on 6-8 October 2008 on the importance of quality assurance of higher education and the resolution of the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Damascus on 23-25 May 2009 that welcomed the proposal of the Government of Malaysia to network OIC Member States on quality assurance system and accreditation of higher education,

**RECOGNIZING** the shared heritage, values, interests and concerns amongst countries of the Islamic world,

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the diversity and the varied phases of the development of quality assurance systems and agencies in countries of the Islamic world,

**AFFIRMING** the need for closer ties between people in countries of the Islamic world through the mobility of students and faculty, and cooperation in the development of programs and research to enhance higher education,

**ASPIRING** to be at the forefront in charting the future of quality assurance in higher education,

**COGNIZANT** of the importance of an effective quality assurance system in strengthening higher education,

**CONSCIOUS** of the benefits of collaboration to enhance the quality of higher education and the crucial role of quality in promoting harmonization in higher education,

**DO HEREBY DECLARE:**

**FIRST**, the establishment of an association of quality assurance agencies and authorities responsible for higher education quality among the countries of the Islamic world to be tentatively known as Association of Quality Assurance Agencies of the Islamic World.

**SECOND**, the purposes of the Association shall be:

- i. to explore different needs for quality assurance capacity building programs of quality assurance agencies in countries of the Islamic world
- ii. to develop and implement capacity building programs
- iii. to promote collaboration and exchanges of best practices, experiences and expertise among quality assurance agencies of countries of the Islamic world
- iv. to promote cooperation with regional and international quality assurance organizations
- v. to undertake other quality assurance related activities as deemed necessary.

**THIRD**, to carry out these purposes, the following mechanisms shall be established:

- i. A Roundtable Meeting of the Association shall be convened once every two years. Special meetings may be convened as and when agreed upon
- ii. A Pro Tem Committee of at least five but not more than seven members shall be formed to prepare the framework of the Association

- iii. An interim Secretariat shall be established in the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA). A permanent Secretariat shall be determined within one year.

**FOURTH**, the Association is open for participation to quality assurance agencies and authorities responsible for quality assurance of higher education in OIC Member countries.

**DONE** in Kuala Lumpur on the Twenty-Seventh Day of *Zul-Qaadah* in the Year One Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Hijrah / the Fifteenth Day of November in the Year Two Thousand and Nine.

**APPENDIX**

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