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The Trusteeship Committee of Bayt Mal Al-Quds Asharif held its first meeting on 22nd du-Al-Quada 1419, corresponding to 10th March 1999. The meeting was attended by delegations from the following member States:

Islamic Republic of Iran, kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic of Senegal, State of Palestine and the Kingdom of Morocco, in addition to the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the General Director of the Bayt Mal Al-Quds Asharif Agency.

1. Mr. Abdellatif Filali, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco opened the meeting that was called for by His Majesty King Hassan II, Chairman of the Al-Quds Committee.
2. The participants elected Mr. Abdellatif Filali as Chairman of the Trusteeship Committee, Mr. Faruk Kaddumi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine, was elected as Reporter.
3. Following adoption of the agenda, the participants listened to the address of Mr. Abdellatif Fillali, Head of the Moroccan Delegation, who affirmed that the purpose of creating the Agency of Bayt Mal Al-Quds Asharif is to mobilize the financial and material resources in order to defend the Palestinian rights in the Holly City and face up to the judaization policy which it is facing through the denaturalization of its civilisational Arab-Islamic and Christian features. He made emphasis on the necessity to ensure the mobilization of all Arab-Islamic possibilities, resources and capabilities in order to support the resistance of inhabitants of Al-Quds Asharif, to revive the civilizational and architectural heritage of the city and to preserve it as an international civilizational space for peace and cohabitation between the followers of the three revealed religions.

The trusteeship Committee listened to the address of His Excellency Yasser Arafat, President of the State of Palestine, which was read out on his behalf by Mr. Faiçal Al-Husseini, in charge of the Al-Quds Question within the Palestinian Liberation Organization. In this important address, His Excellency affirmed that Al-Quds Asharif is the jewel of Palestine, the Arabs, the Muslims and the Christians and that it stands as the key to war and peace in the region. Then he pointed out to the Israeli policy which strives to provide all resources to judaize the Holly City and its entire environment. Such policy comprises a large-scale settlement campaign and the creation a demographic imbalance in the population composition through the means of terrorism, repression, ethnic cleansing, assassinations, arrests, demolition of homes, economic pressures and confiscation of land and property.

His Excellency specified that facing up to this aggressive Zionist campaign requires of the Arab-Islamic Ummah and the international community a firm position that has to be geared to mobilizing all capabilities and resources to impair these Israeli policies and judaization measures which are against international law and legitimacy. He gave a clear depiction of the support required in the fields of Health, Housing, restoration and education.

Taking the floor afterwards, His Excellency Mr. Jaques Baudin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Senegal, affirmed the firm position of his country in supporting the Palestinian people in its cause and its legitimate right in exercising its Inalienable rights. Within the framework of this support, he announced a donation to the Bayt Mal Al-Quds Asharif Agency.

For his part, His Excellency Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Ghwaydir, Minister of State of the Affairs of the Ministerial Council of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, affirmed the supporting stand of his country to the Palestinian cause, considering that Al-Quds Asharif is in the heart of every Muslim loving this holly city, the crossword of the revealed religions, while stressing the importance of activating the role of the private sector in backing the Agency and its projects.

Dr. Jawad Darif, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, indicated that his country which chairs the current session of the Islamic Summit labors to mobilize resources and capabilities with a view to supporting the resistance of the Palestinian brothers in Al-Quds Asharif. He stated that the projects presented by the Director General of the Agency are of paramount importance and that they constitute a strategy that must be implemented.

All the participants were unanimous in their addresses in stressing the important and leading role which His Majesty King Hassan II, Chairman of the Al-Quds Committee, has continuously played in favor of the holy city in particular, and for the Palestinian cause at large. They also expressed their warm thanks to the Kingdom of Morocco, Sovereign, Government and people for having hosted the Bayt Mal Al-Quds Asharif Agency as well as for all the kinds of material and moral support and the possibilities which the kingdom has provided to the Agency in order to allow it to initiate its activities in the best conditions.

The participants also were unanimous in stating their high appreciation for the continuous resistance displayed by the Palestinian people under the guidance of His Excellency Mr. Yasser Arafat, President of the State of Palestine, expressing their solidarity with and support to the just fight of the Palestinian people to allow it to recover its national inalienable rights, including his rights to return to its homeland and achieve its self determination and the establishment of its independent State with Al-Quds Asharif as its Capital.

4. For his part, the Director General, specified in his report the action plan of the Agency, particularly focusing on the projects with urgent character for the holly city in the fields of health, housing, education and restoration, along with the amounts required for their implementation.
5. Then the Trusteeship Committee took knowledge of the report of the experts committee which convened on 20th and 21st du-Al-Quada 1419 corresponding to 8th and 9th March 1999 and adopted the recommendations presented therein.
6. Regarding the projects presented by the Director General and the ways and means of financing them, the committee took knowledge of the addresses made by the heads of the delegations concerning this matter, all of them highlighting the importance of the projects presented as well as the importance of the adequate planning to insure the way of their funding. They urged the private sector, private institutions and bodies as well as businessmen in the Islamic World to make generous contributions for the funding of these projects. The Trusteeship Committee decided the adoption of these projects in principle and their submission to the board of Directors to examine them and make decisions on the matter .
7. The Trusteeship Committee also decided to convene a meeting of its experts one month prior to the holding of its annual meeting.
8. On the basis of Paragraph 7 of the agenda and in compliance with the provisions of First Line 2 of Article 11 of the statute of Bayt Mal Al Quds Asharif, as well as Paragraph 4, Article 3 of the internal regulations, the Trusteeship Committee decided to delegate the following to the Director General:
 - a. To exercise all the attributions conferred up him by the statute, taking into consideration the amendments presented, pending their adoption;
 - b. To pursue the management of the Agency in accordance with the systems and recommendations which were adopted by the Trusteeship Committee in consultation with the Trusteeship Committee Chairman;
 - c. To pursue all activities required by his task in his capacity as Director General of Bayt Mal Al-Quds Asharif including contracts with the Islamic countries to organize donation campaigns and visits to the holly city whenever the nature of his mission requires it.
9. The committee decided to convey its gratitude to the Director General of Bayt Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency and to his aides for the valuable efforts which they deployed for the preparation of this meeting and for the adequate documents which they elaborated, as well as for the information and clarifications which the Director General presented during this meeting which were instrumental in achieving its task in the best conditions.
10. The committee decided at the end of its proceedings to express its highest appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty Hassan II King of Morocco, Chairman of Al-Quds Committee, for the solicitude which he generously bestowed upon this meeting. The Committee also expressed its warm thanks to the Government of His Majesty for the generous hospitality and the gratifying welcome extended to the participating delegations.

