Organization of the Islamic Conference

These areas will probably be the focus of your work in council, so keep this in mind when you go over the topics below. Please come ready to discuss these issues, but you may feel free to propose new ones if they fit within the Conference’s range of jurisdiction. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

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OIC History and Overview

The Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) is an international organization grouping fifty seven States which have decided to pool their resources together, combine their efforts and speak with one voice to safeguard the interests and secure the progress and well-being of their peoples and of all Muslims in the world.

The Organization was established in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 12 Rajab 1389H (25 September 1969) when the First meeting of the leaders of the Islamic world was held in the wake of the criminal Zionist attempt to burn down the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque on 21 August 1969 in the occupied city of Al-Quds.

Six months after that historic event, i.e. in Muharram 1390H (March 1970), the First Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers was held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during which the OIC General Secretariat was established to ensure coordination among Member States. The Conference appointed a Secretary General for the Organization and chose Jeddah as the city to house its temporary Headquarters pending the liberation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to which the General Secretariat will then be transferred, as the Permanent seat of the Organization.

Topic A: Terrorism and Extradition Law

Key Questions to Consider:

- With the improvement on technology, and the dangers of terrorism, what are the Islamic stands on terrorism and what are the stands Islamic states have on the current extradition laws?
- With the current situation in Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Israel, what are the OIC member states action on terrorism. Are OIC member states being pressured, and miss treated on an international level.
- With many well-known terrorist live in OIC member countries, what should be the tolerable extradition laws to OIC member states?

1 http://www.oic-un.org/about/over.htm
Topic B: Economic Situations in the Islamic Countries and Natural Resources

Key Questions to Consider:
- The absence of political stability;
- The absence of any tangible plan for growth—however, there are OIC resolutions present regarding this;
- Problems with limited natural resources and reserves, large numbers of Islamic countries are poverty-stricken.

Topic C: Image of the Islam

Key Questions to Consider:
- How are we working towards eliminate racial discrimination and all forms of colonialism
- Create a favorable atmosphere for the promotion of cooperation and understanding between Member States and other countries.
- Since 9/11 what is the task of OIC in terms of projecting positive Islamic image, culture, practice, and the promotion of tourism.

Selected Web Resources:

OIC Home
- http://www.oic-un.org/

OIC Charter
- http://www.oic-un.org/about/Charter.htm

OIC Membership
- http://www.oic-un.org/about/members.htm

Islamic Center for the Development of Trade
- http://www.icdt.org/

United Nations’ Actions Against Terrorism

United Nations News Centre

Security Council Committee Established Pursuant to Resolution 1373 (2001)