



The Final Declaration of the Second Edition of the Global Conference:

Building Bridges between Islamic Schools of Thought and Sects

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful Praise be to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, and may peace and blessings be upon His trustworthy Messenger, our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and all his companions;

In compliance with the command of Allah Almighty: "And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah (i.e.this Qur'an), and be not divided among yourselves." (Aal 'Imran: 103), and as a continuation of the proceedings of the founding conference of "Building Bridges Between Islamic Schools of Thought and Sects," and in implementation of its historic document signed by the attendees of the conference in the sacred precincts of the Grand Mosque, beside the Holy Kaaba—the Qibla of Muslims and the sanctuary of their hearts; The eminent muftis, scholars, and thinkers of the Muslim Ummah convened at the invitation of the Muslim World League, representing all its schools of thought and sects, at the second edition of the founding conference, held in the pure and sacred lands of Makkah, under the noble patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may Allah safeguard him.

The conference commenced under the title "Towards an Effective Islamic Coalition" to explore mechanisms and practical programs that embody the "Charter of Building Bridges between Islamic Schools of Thought and Sects" and to envision broader horizons for cooperation, coordination of stances, and joint efforts in the field of Islamic action, with the participation of various schools of thought and sects. This aims to serve the well-being and progress of the Islamic Ummah while steering its peoples away from the pitfalls of conflicts between sects and schools of thought, as warned by the words of Allah Almighty: "And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute (with one another) lest you lose courage and your strength departs." (Al-Anfal: 46)

The conference participants affirm their pride in their unifying identity, their adherence to the fundamental principles and definitive teachings of Islam, and their belief in the necessity of Muslims holding firmly to the strong rope of Allah and His straight path. They assert that they represent one united Ummah, regardless of geographical distances, differences in sects or schools of thought, or diversity of traditions, in response to Allah's command to unite around the core tenets of His religion: "And verily, this your religion (of Islamic Monotheism) is one religion, and I am your Lord, so fear (keep your duty to) Me." (Al-Mu'minun: 52)

The participants call for the importance of respecting the existence of Islamic diversity and addressing issues of disagreement within the Islamic frameworks based on the etiquette of scholarly difference. They emphasize the need to avoid falling into the pitfalls of takfir (excommunication) and the dangers of conflict and divisiveness.

The participants also warn of the consequences of the sharp debates witnessed in some media platforms, which incite discord and division under pretexts that bring about greater harm than the perceived benefits. These debates have fueled resentment, provoked fanaticism, and bred animosity, heedless of Allah's favor upon the believers: "And He has united their (i.e. believers') hearts. If you had spent all that is in the earth, you could not have united their hearts, but Allah has united them. Certainly, He is All-Mighty, All-Wise." (Al-Anfal: 63)

The participants appreciate the significant efforts of the Muslim World League in reshaping sectarian relations through the "Charter of Building Bridges between Islamic Schools of Thought and Sects," based on solid foundations of the wisdom and inclusiveness of Islamic teachings. They commend its commitment to ensuring that this approach is not merely a temporary initiative but rather a set of practical programs and strategic partnerships that capitalize on the vast common ground, aiming for a future of greater integration and cohesion among the members of the Islamic Ummah.

The attendees affirm their determination to move forward in pursuit of the ambitious vision outlined in their founding conference Charter, which laid the groundwork for their fraternity and solidarity based on the fundamental principles and shared values of Islam. They commit to taking further steps in this unifying path, recognizing it as a practical document that transcends the repetitive dialogues of the past, which have long reached their maturity.

Now, only implementation and action remain—the building of bridges in the journey of Islamic solidarity—toward an effective Islamic coalition through a systematic approach. In addition, this approach will translate the Charter into initiatives and projects that enhance Islamic awareness, reinforce the methodology of moderation, and counter sectarian rhetoric and practices.

Accordingly, at the conclusion of this conference, the following resolutions have been issued:

Recognizing the "Charter of Building Bridges between Islamic Schools of Thought and Sects," with its twenty-eight principles, as the foundation and starting point for the course of joint Islamic work in both scientific and intellectual fields, with the goal of strengthening fraternity and solidarity among the peoples of the Muslim Ummah.

Adopting the "Encyclopedia of Islamic Intellectual Consensus," prepared by the Center for Safeguarding Intellect in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and working on its promotion and dissemination across various academic circles and international forums, so that it serves as a roadmap for relations between Islamic schools of thought based on the concept of shared Islamic unity.

Adopting the Strategic and Executive Plan for the Charter of Building Bridges Between Islamic Schools of Thought and Sects.

Approval of the statute for the Coordination Council for Islamic Schools of Thought and Sects, including the proposal for appointing its president, members, and secretary-general to work on activating the provisions of the Charter within their communities. The Council will also oversee the implementation of the Strategic and Executive Plan, monitor the programs and initiatives derived from it, and amend the name of the "Coordination Committee" in the Charter to the "Coordination Council."

Emphasizing the conference participants' support for the steadfastness of the Palestinian people on their land, rejecting displacement and destruction projects, and calling on the international community to recognize their legitimate rights to establish an independent state with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital. Additionally, delegations representing the Charter's scholars will be formed to mobilize global efforts among influential religious and social figures in support of the Palestinian cause and the restoration of its rights.

Launching an annual award to be granted to pioneering institutions and individuals who contribute to achieving the objectives of the "Charter of Building Bridges between Islamic Schools of Thought and Sects."

In conclusion, the participants of the conference extend their profound gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and to His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, Prime Minister, Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud—may Allah safeguard them—for their invaluable services to Islam and Muslims. They express their special appreciation for the gracious patronage of their conference, in line with the continuous and tireless efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to foster Muslim unity, strengthen the bonds among its components, and enhance their solidarity, reflecting its pioneering role in the Islamic world.

And our final supplication is: Praise be to Allah, Lord of all worlds.

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