

In The Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

The Caribbean Muslim Forum 2005

March 25-27, 2005 / Safar 11-13-1426

Trinidad Muslim League Headquarters, Trinidad

Resolutions

The Caribbean Muslim Forum comprising representatives of Muslim Organisations/groups, Islamic experts, Imams/Ulamaa having deliberated on key issues directly affecting the Caribbean Muslim Communities from 25-27 March, 2005 do hereby resolve as follows:

1. That each Community develops a framework to manage internal diversity.
2. That the Caribbean Muslim Forum (CMF) moves to strengthen the links among the various groups/communities of the Region.
3. That the CMF moves to form an interim executive body composed of 3 members from the participants, to run the affairs of the CMF Secretariat and to see to implementation of its resolutions until the next forum in March 2006. In this regard Imtiaz Ali (chairman) – T&T, Suleiman Bulbulia – Barbados and Fazeel Ferouz – Guyana were unanimously elected as the interim executive members.
4. That the CMF become member of the Islamic Organization of Latin America (OIPAL). That OIPAL become part of the CMF to ensure effective co-ordination of Caribbean and Latin American issues concerning Muslims.

5. That there be established a Quarterly Magazine to share information and experiences within the region.
6. That an organized pool of volunteer teachers be developed to deliver Islamic education to students in State-run secondary schools.
7. That a syllabus be developed to deliver a programme of Islamic education to different levels in the education system.
8. That each Caribbean territory makes efforts to establish an Islamic section in their respective National libraries.
9. That regular training courses, be developed to enhance the Islamic knowledge and leadership skills of Caribbean Muslim leaders and teachers.
10. That a Steering Committee be set up to explore the possibility of an Islamic University of the Caribbean.
11. That to ensure effective co-ordination between OIPAL and the Caribbean countries, OIPAL may consider funding the provision of modern communication project to link up with the Caribbean countries.
12. That the possibility of tele-conferencing or some similar method of communication be explored.
13. That properly organized family-life education programmes be made available to Muslims in the Caribbean.
14. That the possibility of Islamic radio broadcasts via the internet be explored.

15. That Muslim organizations be encouraged to set aside part of their income for investments.
16. That a forum be organized for the discussions and implementation of Zakaah programmes.
17. That intra -trade be promoted within the Ummah worldwide and that a committee of experts be set up for this purpose.
18. That a committee be formed to support the economic development of Muslims in the region.
19. The CMF should explore ways of Trinidad and Tobago to become a member state of the OIC.

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