



CLOSING SESSION

Brothers and Sisters, Members of the Conference,

I wish to express to you all, at the end of this Closing Session of the Conference, in my name and on behalf of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs and the government and people of Egypt all thanks for your presence and positive participation in the proceedings of this Conference. We beseech to Allâh to grant you success in your endeavors for Islam and Muslims. We also convey our sincere thanks and great appreciation to **H.E. President Muhammad Husni Mubarak, President of Egypt**, for his honorable patronage of the Conferences of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs and his continuous support extended to them, a support that had a great impact upon their success and continuity.

Brothers and Sisters,

During the last four days, you have addressed the issue of **The Objectives of Shari'ah (Islamic Law) And Issues of the Contemporary Age**. This issue is of great importance to our Islamic world which is surrounded by problems on all sides. The interaction and response to the issues on the table was clear enough as demonstrated in your diverse interventions which enriched the discussion and highlighted its different themes.

Undoubtedly, the ideas you have presented will be fruitful in raising awareness and drawing attention as well as crystallizing the appropriate solutions towards this crucial issue concerning the Islamic *Ummah*. For the objectives of the *Shari'ah* is an inevitable and imperative guarantee for progress in our Islamic world. For the objectives of the *Shari'ah* are considered an established guarantee and an imperative necessity for safeguarding the fundamental rights of individuals and communities.

Brothers and Sisters,

We are all the more confident that you will communicate to your countries the contents of the Conference, the outcome of its discussions as well as resolutions and recommendations it adopted. The responsibility is shared and borne by all, and the



concerns of the Islamic *Ummah* are not exclusively relevant to a particular authority, but are in the first place the responsibility of the *Ummah's* scholars (*Ulammas*), thinkers and intellectuals. It is high time for the Islamic *Ummah* to close ranks and be united in rallying around stances in the face of obstacles likely to be encountered, and plots likely to be contrived against it, in order to fight its way through with firm will and unabated determination for the sake of its renaissance and dignity.

On the other hand, it must always be brought to attention that finding solutions to existing problems in the Islamic world is normally preceded by getting familiar with the nature and right diagnosis of these problems to ensure their redress in the proper manner, or in other words, it can be said that awareness regarding problems in place and their backgrounds as well as the risks involved due to their perpetuation essentially results in the search for best remedies. I believe that the conferences of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, amounting to 22 conferences so far, have undertaken to assume this enlightening role to perform the task of necessarily apprising of the nation's issues and problems, and to deal with the impediments obstructing its drive. They also alert to the best way of settling these problems, a matter which in itself should not be discredited.

Brothers and Sisters,

Based on discussions held and overtures at stake at your Conference, the Drafting Committee has arrived at the recommendations we will shortly present to you. As usual, recommendations are preceded by a Declaration with the heading "**Cairo Declaration**" that generally throws light on the theme of the given Conference and how far it is essential for our Islamic world. It is to my pleasure to read to you this Declaration, the text of which has been distributed to you in Arabic and translated into English and French.

Following is the Declaration: