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1.0 Background

The Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) was established by a bilateral agreement between the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Uganda Government. The mandate of the University is to provide educational opportunities to Muslims in English-speaking African countries. The University started in 1988 with 80 students and two degree programmes.

2.0 Current Status of the University

The University has 9,343 students coming from 22 countries. The University offers over 70 academic programmes, ranging from certificate courses to Ph.D degrees, offered in seven faculties (colleges), a Centre for Postgraduate Studies, and two schools, a school of Nursing and midwifery and a Medical school that opened on Saturday 25th October 2014. The University will be holding its 22nd Graduation Ceremony on 15th November, 2014 at which over 1,200 students will graduate in different disciplines.

3.0 Science and Technology

The University has two faculties that offer Science based programmes. The Faculty of Science offers programmes in basic sciences plus Computer Science, Information Technology, Food Science and Nutrition, and Environmental Science. The Faculty of Health Science was established in the 2014/2015 academic year. So far it houses the IUIU Medical School which offers a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree (MBCHB). The Faculty of Health Sciences has taken over the School of Nursing and Midwifery, which started in 2010 under the Faculty of Science.

In the area of Science and technology (S&T), the University is working very hard to start more applied science programmes. Arrangements are underway to start the Bachelor of Nursing programme and other programmes in medical fields and Engineering as facilities become available.

The University of Lahore (UoL) played a pivotal role in the establishment of the IUIU medical programme. The UoL donated the key equipment and books needed to start the MBCHB programme. It has also offered full scholarships to qualified IUIU staff to do masters and Ph.D degrees in medical and engineering fields as a strategy for capacity building of IUIU human resources in these fields.

We are also grateful to Doctors Worldwide (DWW) of Turkey for the support in human resources, books and equipment for the Medical School.

Member States of the OIC and other universities in OIC member states are requested to help IUIU in developing further its medical, engineering and other S&T programmes. In particular member states are requested to second staff, donate books, equipment, and finances to the IUIU S&T programmes.

The International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and the Islamic University of Technology (IUT) have also continued to provide scholarships and training for IUIU staff. We are very grateful to the Vice Chancellors of the two sister universities.

4.0 The Proposed IUIU Second Waqf

The Government of Uganda donated 7.5 acres of land to the University in Kampala city. A land title has already been acquired and the squatters cleared. We have requested IDB Waqf Department to help finance the waqf. IDB has already approved US\$ 100,000 to conduct feasibility for the Waqf.

5.0 Vote of Thanks

We wish to thank the Governments of Uganda, Nigeria, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Egypt for always being there for IUIU. Through their support and assistance, the University has become what it is today.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Patron and Executive Director of the University of Lahore for the invaluable material and financial support they have extended to IUIU for the establishment of the Habib Medical School. Special thanks to the family of Prof. Habib Hamid, the Dean, Faculty of Medicine of the King Abdul Aziz University, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for the overwhelming financial support extended to IUIU.

Through H.E. the OIC Secretary General, Mr. Iyad Ameen Madani, I wish to also thank Doctors Worldwide, SESRC, ISESCO, and COMSTECH for their support to IUIU in general and the Habib Medical School in particular.

We are very grateful to the OIC General Secretariat, ISF, IDB, WAMY, IICO, the Zakat House of Kuwait and Iqraa for their continued support to IUIU. We thank all our development partners for their kind support and assistance they continue to extend to IUIU. Some universities in Sudan have also been helpful in supporting our staff development programme. We are grateful indeed.

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