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Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my thanks for your letter of 11 January 2007 regarding the proposed conference to be organized at the Georgetown University in Washington D.C. under our trilateral collaboration. I am pleased that after some serious considerations and exchange of ideas which took a while, now we are at a point of concretize our joint desire. This conference, which will focus mainly on themes relevant to and various aspects of the phenomenon of Islamophobia, will be the first ever OIC sponsored event in the United States of America and comes at a most appropriate time when the issue is in the global agenda.

As for the determination of the time, the period of 12-16 March 2007, when the Georgetown University facilities are available, would also be appropriate for the OIC General Secretariat. We would appreciate if you could fix and inform us of the exact dates within that period.

I am also pleased to inform you that the OIC General Secretariat will be contributing USD 325,000 for the organization of this Conference. The total amount will be transferred to CAIR as soon as we are informed of the details of the relevant bank account. We trust that the amount will be solely used for the organization and logistical needs of this Conference and any unused funds will be returned.

From now on, we will be looking forward to the establishment of the three joint committees, speedy finalization of the conference program and the themes of the panels, as well as the participant list. As for the speakers and general attendance from the OIC member states, the OIC General Secretariat will do its best for seeking commitment from some high-level dignitaries and public figures. In this regard, I believe that high-level and wide attendance from the US, including the attendance of Secretary of State Dr. Rice will most probably facilitate attracting a high profile participation from the OIC member states. Ambassador Abdul Wahab and the OIC General Secretariat will be at your disposal to finalize the preparations of this landmark event.

With my best wishes and regards,



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