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Preface

In the framework of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Day, which was celebrated on 8 September 2011, the OIC Group of UNESCO decided to organize an intellectual round table in the Organization's Headquarters to be coordinated by the Permanent Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to UNESCO. The subject chosen for scrutiny was the vital question of "The Role of Muslim Women in the Development of Societies", which well-known scholars and public figures from around the world were invited to address through their participation. The following sub-topics were selected for the round table:

- the role of women and the family in the domain of the progress of Islamic countries
- the role of women scholars in the scientific promotion of Islamic countries
- the role of women writers and artists in the domain of the promotion of the general culture of Islamic countries
- the socio-cultural role of Muslim women in the contemporary world

- the role of Muslim women in inter-cultural dialogue in the world today

The round table was also accompanied by an exhibition of books, photographs and cultural objects from OIC Member States and followed by a reception, which comprised a variety of traditional dishes offered by different Delegations of OIC Member States, accompanied by traditional music from Algeria and a demonstration of Iranian calligraphy.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to H.E. Mr. Papa Momo Diop, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Senegal to UNESCO and President of the OIC Group in UNESCO, as well as colleagues in UNESCO's Secretariat, OIC representatives and all the professors and other participants in this well-attended event who contributed to its great success.

Given the importance of the subject chosen for our discussions, it was decided to collect the texts of all the speeches and statements delivered at the round table, and it is these proceedings which are reproduced in the present volume. Despite the richness of debate and the variety of viewpoints expressed, it is my belief that this volume may form a conceptual contribution to understanding of the substantial role of Muslim women in the development of societies.

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