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## Minutes of the 78<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS, Kolkata held on June 23, 2015 at 2 p.m. IIC, New Delhi

As desired by Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS, Kolkata the 77<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 2 p.m at IIC, New Delhi.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS
2. Professor Uma Dasgupta
3. Professor O. P. Mishra
4. Sri. Siddartha Varadarajan
5. Mr. Dipankar Dutta (Under Secretary, GOI, MOC- nominated member by the MOC, GOI)
6. Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director & Member Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to Professor Mushirul Hasan, Professor Ashis Kumar Roy, Professor Suranjan Das.

Shri. Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, Executive Council, MAKAIAS, welcomed all the members present and introduced Shri. Dipankar Dutta, Under Secretary, MOC, GOI to the other Council members. Shri. Sharma requested Dr. Sreeradha Dutta, Director, MAKAIAS to begin the deliberations of the meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 1:** To confirm the Minutes of the 77<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on May 22, 2015 at Azad Bhavan, MAKAIAS, Kolkata. The minutes, as approved by the Chairman, were circulated among the members and no comments have been received. The same may, therefore, be confirmed. The Minutes are placed as Annexure –I.

Professor O.P. Mishra pointed out that he was not in receipt of the Minutes of the 77<sup>th</sup> Executive Council as has been mentioned in the Agenda -that it has been circulated. The other members of the Council also confirmed that they were also not in receipt of the Minutes of 77<sup>th</sup> Executive Council.

The P. S. to Director, Dr. Sreeradha Dutta (member Secretary) confirmed that due to lack of time, the Minutes were not circulated formally but, before the meeting it was sent in hard copies along with other annexures to Professor Ashis Kumar Roy, Professor O. P. Mishra, Professor Suranjan Das as directed.

The Council members requested for approved minutes to be circulated.

Resolved that the Minutes of the 77<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS is noted and confirmed.

**Agenda Item No. 2:** Action Taken Report on the resolutions of the 77<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on May 22, 2014. (Annexure II)

The Council noted the Action Taken Report of the 77<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting of MAKAIAS held on May 22, 2015.

Under agenda item no. 8 –

In view of the delay in advertising Fellowship at the Institute and also Maulana Azad Fellowship, the members of the Council after detail deliberation resolved that the Action Taken Report is confirmed with the addition as given below under Agenda Item No. 8 of 77<sup>th</sup> Minutes of the Executive Council of MAKAIAS:

- i. A maximum of 2 (Two) senior fellows to be appointed.

Thus, in view of the above discussion, it was resolved that the advertisement for fellowship and Maulana Azad fellowship may be published at the earliest following the previous practice further Maulana Azad Fellowship be published in EPW apart from National Dailies. The Selection Committee will have discretionary powers as per previous practice.

The Council noted and confirmed the action taken report of the 77<sup>th</sup> Executive Council of MAKAIAS, Kolkata, held on May 22, 2015.

**Agenda Item No. 3:** To consider for information, the MOU signed between MAKAIAS and MOC for Financial year 2015- 16. (Annexure III)

The Council members noted and approved the signed MOU between MAKAIAS and MOC, GOI for the financial year 2015- 16 and suggested that the Museum (DPR) may also be included in the MOU and the Ministry may be informed accordingly.

**Agenda Item No. 4:** To consider the Annual Accounts of the MAKAIAS for the year 2014-2015 for approval to place them for audit by the office of the Principal Director of Audit

(Central), Kolkata. The accounts, as at Annexure – IV, have been audited by the internal auditors appointed by the Institute.

The Council noted and confirmed the Annual Accounts for the financial year 2014- 15 as well as the Annual Report. Further the Council suggested that all efforts should be made towards closing of unadjusted amount/ advances. The Accounts should reflect the correct position of the unadjusted/ unsettled advances in future.

**Agenda Item No. 5:** To consider the proposal of organizing a National Seminar on “Indian Foreign Policy and its Soft Power Potentials- With Special Reference to Culture” by MAKAIAS, Kolkata during June- July 2015 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi with a tentative budget of Rs. 7.5 lakhs ( Travel, accommodation, local hospitality, Seminar kit etc). (Annexure V)

The Council noted the proposal along with the list of Speakers. The members after due deliberations felt that the concept note and list of speakers should be revised. The above National Seminar was approved in principle. Mr. Siddarth Varadarajan agreed to redraft the concept note on soft power and the member Secretary, Director, MAKAIAS was to request the Council members to suggest list of speakers and to work out the modalities accordingly. The Budget was approved.

**Agenda Item No. 6:** To consider the request of partial funding of Rs. 1.5 lakhs only to organize an International Conference on ‘India in the Emerging International Order: Issues and Opportunities’ to be held during November 2- 4, 2015 at St. Joseph’s College, Darjeeling, West Bengal submitted by the Jadavpur Association of International Relations (JAIR). (Annexure VI)

The Council noted the proposal and approved the above International Conference collaboratively to be organized with MAKAIAS, Kolkata and also approved partial funding of Rs. 1. 5 lakhs as requested.

**Agenda Item No. 7:** To consider the proposal of organizing a two day National Seminar on “From Look East to Act East Practical Steps for the Success of India’s Policy” during September 7- 8, 2015 at NEHU, Shillong with a budget of Rs. 5.5 lakhs only submitted by Dr. Arvind Kumar, professor & Head, Dept. of Geopolitics and International Relations, Head, Manipal Centre for Asian Studies, Manipal University, Manipal. (Annexure VII)

The Council after due deliberations resolved the above proposal was not approved.

**Agenda Item No. 8:** To consider and approve for deputation of a 4- member delegation from MAKAAIS to Beijing, China for three days during June- July, 2015, to sign a mutually enriching and beneficial MOU with the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) of Chinese Foreign Affairs University (CFAU). The travel cost of sending the delegation to China for this purpose shall be about Rs. 2. 5 lakhs and the Chinese Consulate have assured all support to facilitate the visit of Indian delegates’ as well local travel and accommodation. (Annexure VIII)

The Council after due deliberation approved the 4 member delegation visit to China for signing a MOU and also holding an interactive session with the Scholars of the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) of Chinese Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) at Beijing; with the budget as mentioned.

**Agenda Item No. 9:** To consider award of external Fellowship to Mr. Krishnan Srinivasan for a 3 year project titled "What are Asian Values- Their Impact on Foreign Policy and Universality". The Reviewers comments on the proposal have been sent to the author and the proposal will be modulated in accordance with the suggestions received from the reviewers. According to the proposer, the projected budget is flexible and may be revised and brought down based on the guidelines on approval. The project proposal along with Synopsis is placed at Annexure IX.

The Council after due deliberations approved the project proposal of Mr. Krishnan Srinivasan and requested that Director MAKAIAS, may coordinate.

**Agenda Item No. 10:** To consider the proposal for a lecture series with support from the Indian High Commission at Dhaka, Bangladesh. The first lecture in the series is proposed to be organized in Dhaka during the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and be named after him as "Maulana Azad Lecture". The beginning of the series with the Maulana Azad Lecture at an estimated cost of Rs.3 lakh towards travel, accommodation and other incidentals for the delegates will enhance the prestige of the Institute as it prepares to carry forward its India- Bangladesh track-II dialogues in collaboration with BRAC institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), Dhaka. The Indian High Commission has assured of the required logistic support for organizing the lecture series. (Annexure X).

The Council Noted and approved the 'Maulana Azad Lecture' at Dhaka, Bangladesh with the budget. Further the Council approved that MAKAIAS may initiate the India- Bangladesh Track II Dialogue initiative in principle with BRAC.

**Agenda Item No. 11:** To consider the proposal received from the Secretary general, Indian Federation for United Nations Association (IFUNA) inviting collaboration from MAKAIAS in organizing a one day International Seminar on "Perceptions on Regional, Sub- Regional initiatives- With Special Reference to BCIM Corridor" at Hotel Ashoka Convention Hall, New Delhi on July 30, 2015. The Seminar will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Union Minister for External Affairs and be graced as Chief Guest by the Hon'ble Minister of Culture, shall be attended by academicians and diplomats from Bangladesh, China and Myanmar apart from about twenty eminent personalities from India, the estimated cost of organizing the Seminar, including travel expenses of the special invitees, hotel accommodation, food and refreshments, printing of brochures and other materials, photography & videography etc. shall be Rs. 14 lakh and they have requested MAKAIAS support towards 50 percent of the total budget. The letter from IFUNA together with the concept document, budget estimate and list of invitees is placed at Annexure 'XI'.

The Council members noted the proposal and after due deliberations felt that ideally the programme could have been held in Kolkata. The proposal was approved with a budget of Rs. 5 lakhs only. The Director, MAKAIAS, was requested to suggest appropriate speaker.

**Agenda Item No. 12:** To consider the proposal to publish a Coffee table book – Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS) proposes to publish a pictorial large-format volume dedicated to the cultural significance of the official visits of prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi has made to a wide range of foreign Nations in the course of his tenure. These visits have been an important aspect of his overall foreign relations, policy, and they bear a cultural significance alongside the political and economic aspect. Independent of economic and political outcomes, the visits have had a considerable positive impact on the image of India abroad, on its soft power potential and on the morale and confidence of the

Indian diaspora. A collection of photographs will do justice to the wide scope of his interactions with the cultures and peoples of the visited nations. The cost of publication shall be ascertained and all technical formalities shall be complied with for bringing out the publication once the proposal is approved.

The Council members after due deliberations dropped the agenda.

**Agenda Item No. 13:** To consider for information and concurrence, the report on reconstitution of Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) at MAKAIAS on Sexual Harassment of Women in Work Place, (prevention, prohibition and redressal) Act 2013; The committee, as reconstituted by Director, MAKAIAS, and approved by the Chairman, MAKAIAS, comprises of the following:

1. Ms Susmita Bhattacharya, MAKAIAS (Fellow)
2. Ms Godhuli Rang, MAKAIAS (Staff)
3. Dr Tapas Ray, MAKAIAS (Fellow)
4. Shri Sandip Sarkar, MAKAIAS (staff)
5. Prof Sucheta Ghosh (external)
6. Prof. Paula bannerjee (External)
7. Sanhita representative (External)

The Council noted and approved the above.

**Agenda Item No. 14:** To report the deployment of a replacement in the pantry at Azad Bhavan by the outsourcing agency on contract, as the employee previously deployed has resigned.

The Council noted and approved the above.

**Agenda Item No. 15:** To consider for information, the Holiday list, as approved by the Director, in conformity with the GOI instructions. The holiday list is already being followed. The List is at Annexure XII.

The Council noted and approved the List of Holidays.

**Agenda Item No. 16:** Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

- i. To consider organizing the Annual Maulana Azad Conference in November, 2015. The Concept note and the Budget are placed before the Council for perusal.

The Council approved the organization of the above International Seminar with the Budget of Rs. 8.9 lakhs as requested during November, 2015.

- ii. To consider inviting an eminent personality to deliver the Maulana Azad lecture during November 2015.

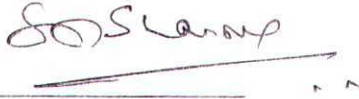
The Council approved the above.

- iii. To consider inviting the following eminent personalities for Professor Barun De Memorial Lecture:

- a. Mr. Rudrangshu Mukherjee
- b. Professor Sugata Bose

The Council approved both the names. The date for holding the lecture is yet to be fixed as per mutual convenience.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.



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Shri. Sitaram Sharma  
Chairman, Executive Council  
MAKAIAS



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Dr. Sreeradha Dutta  
Director & Member Secretary  
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