

## **INTRODUCTION**

*The founding of the Islamic Academy of Sciences is an important landmark in the history of Islamic Sciences. The establishment of the Academy was approved by the Fourth Islamic Summit held at Cassablanca in 1984. The main objective of founding the Academy was to bring closer the top Muslim intellectuals in science and technology and to provide them a forum where they could interact freely and independently and exchange views and ideals on problems connected with the development of science and technology in the Islamic world.*

*Hopefully this newly established Academy will, in time to come, function as a think tank and a brain trust of Islamic World and provide the necessary intellectual impetus for accelerating the process of development in the Islamic world. It is destined to play an important role in provoking and mobilising interest in science and technology in the Islamic world.*

*The Islamic Academy of Sciences unlike its many other counterpart academies is not a national Academy of Sciences of any state. It is an international forum covering the entire Islamic World. It is, therefore, perceived to be an Academy with a "difference" and its programme of action has been planned accordingly. One of its activities which it wishes to have launched early is the publication of the Journal of the Academy.*

*Professor Dr. Naci Bor has kindly agreed to be the first editor of the Journal. Dr. Bor is an eminent and experienced medical scientist of the Islamic world. His association with the Journal would give it a bright and auspicious start. I wish the Journal a great success.*

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