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THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY (INTERNATIONAL) IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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Aga Khan Education Services S A

Secretary

John Hough

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#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is pleased to submit its report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006

#### Legal Status and Principal Activities

The Aga Khan University (International) in the United Kingdom ("the University") was incorporated on 27 May 2002 under the Companies Act 1985 of England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee. The University is an academic unit of the Aga Khan University, which is a statutory body corporate in Pakistan by virtue of its Charter granted in 1983 as Pakistan's first private international university.

The objective of the University is education through the provision of instruction, training and teaching in any branches of learning Currently, the University is focusing on strengthening research and education for the purpose of enhancing knowledge of the heritage of Muslim civilisations

#### Results for the Year

#### Financial Statements

The results for the year and the University's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements

#### Sources of Funding

During the year, the University received £1,855,000 (2005 £1,291,000) from Aga Khan University Foundation, Geneva to meet its funding requirement. The total funding received since inception to 31 December 2006 is £6,029,997 (2005 £4,174,997)

The University also recorded contributions from the Aga Khan University on account of its central support costs of £102,948 (2005 £129,134) The total amount contributed since inception to 31 December 2006 is £635,637 (2005 £532,689)

#### Deferred Income

As at 31 December 2006, grant received in excess of expenditure for the year was £222,904 (2005 £322,912) Accordingly this sum has not been recognised during the year then ended. This is carried in the balance sheet as deferred income (within creditors) and not taken to the income and expenditure account as income for the year. This accounting treatment is adopted on the basis that the conditions attached to the grant are that any grants received in an accounting period which are in excess of the total amounts required to cover the expenses for that period are to be carried in the next accounting period to cover the expenses for that period

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors who served the University during the year are as follows

- 1 The Aga Khan University
- 2 Aga Khan Education Services S A

The Directors are also the sole members of the University The limit of the guarantees given by the members amounts to £2 and can be found within members' funds in the balance sheet

#### Review and the way forward

The objective during the year ended 31 December 2006 was to continue with the development of the administrative infrastructure and recruitment of faculty and support staff and start a two-year degree Programme of M A in Muslim Cultures in the latter part of the year

Over the next few years as the University expands in size and scope, faculty members will continue to focus on educational activities, the primary objective being to disseminate knowledge on Muslim civilisations through work in the following three inter related areas

- 1 Educational Programmes,
- 2 Research and Publications, and
- 3 Muslim Civilisation Abstracts

#### Auditors

On 30 April 2007 the company's auditors, UHY Hacker Young, transferred their business to a limited liability partnership, UHY Hacker Young LLP ("the LLP"), and the office of auditor has passed to the LLP In accordance with s385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution that UHY Hacker Young LLP be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting

#### Statement of disclosure to auditors

- (a) So far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the University's auditors are unaware, and
- (b) They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the University's auditors are aware of that information

On behalf of the Board of Directors

The Aga Khan University, Director

per

Mr Nurallah Merchant

Director General, University Administration

31 May 2007

#### STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

In accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board of Directors of the Aga Khan University (International) in the United Kingdom ("the University") is responsible for the administration and management of the affairs of the University and is required to present audited financial statements for each financial year

The Companies Act requires the Board of Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the University and of the results of the University for that year

The Board of Directors is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the University and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice and relevant accounting standards

In causing the financial statements to be prepared, the Board of Directors has to ensure that

- suitable accounting policies are selected and applied consistently,
- judgements and estimates are made that are reasonable and prudent,
- applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the University will continue to be in operation

The Board of Directors has taken reasonable steps to

- ensure that funds from the Aga Khan University Foundation, Geneva are used only for the purpose for which they have been given and in accordance with any conditions which they may prescribe,
- ensure that there are appropriate financial and management controls in place to safeguard funds,
- safeguard the assets of the University and to prevent and detect fraud, and
- secure the economical, efficient and effective management of the resources and expenditure of the University

The key elements of the University's system of internal financial control, which is designed to discharge the responsibilities set out above, include the following

- clear definitions of the responsibilities of, and the authority delegated to, heads of academic departments and administrative sections,
- a comprehensive medium and short-term planning process, supplemented by detailed annual income, expenditure, capital and cash flow budgets,
- regular reviews of academic performance and financial results involving variance reporting and updates of forecast outturns, and
- clearly defined and formalised requirements for approval and control of expenditure with investment decisions involving capital or revenue expenditure being subject to formal detailed appraisal and review according to approval levels set by the Board of Directors

Any system of internal control can, however, only provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The following statement is provided to enable readers of the Annual Report and Accounts of the Aga Khan University (International) in the United Kingdom ("the University") to obtain a better understanding of the governance of the University

The University is committed to high standards of corporate governance and intend to comply with the principles set out in Section 1 of the Combined Code on Corporate Governance in so far as they relate to the University and to a University of this size

Since incorporation the Board of Directors has been primarily concerned with developing the infrastructure of the University During this year, and in view of the nature and size of the University, there has been no substantial requirement for adherence to the recommendation of the Code However, as the University expands and develops, formal policies and procedures, as regards to compliance with the Combined Code will be established as the Board of Directors deem appropriate





#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY (INTERNATIONAL) IN THE UNITED KINGDOM (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

We have audited the financial statements of the Aga Khan University (International) in the United Kingdom ("the University") on pages 7 to 14 for the year ended 31 December 2006. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the University's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the University's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the University and the University's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of the Board of Director's responsibilities on page 3 the University's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting in Further and Higher Education Institutions

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting in Further and Higher Education Institutions. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Report of Board of Directors is not consistent with the financial statements, if the University has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the University is not disclosed

We read the Report of Board of Directors and consider the implications of our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

#### Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the University's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY (INTERNATIONAL) IN THE UNITED KINGDOM (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

#### Opinion

In our opinion

The financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the University's affairs as at 31 December 2006 and of its results for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting in Further and Higher Education Institutions, and

The information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements

UHY Hacker Young LLP
Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditors

31 May 2007

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

	Note	2006 £	2005 £
INCOME			
Funding grant Return on savings bank account	2	1,732,964 6,800	1,295,187 13,890
Fees and other income	3	20,088	20,530
Total income		1,759,852	1,329,607
EXPENDITURE			
Staff costs Other operating expenses Depreciation Bank and finance charges	<b>4 5</b>	978,909 688,293 92,070 580	739,471 527,605 61,947 584
Total expenditure		1,759,852	1,329,607
Results on operations before tax		-	-
Taxation	6	•	-
Results on operations after tax			-

The income and expenditure account is in respect of continuing activities

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2006

	Note	2006 £	2005 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets Investments	7 8	521,884	196,892 1
		521,885	196,893
Current assets			
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	9	183,059 172,618	107,305 292,287
		355,677	399,592
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	355,676	(399,591)
Net current assets		1	1
Net assets		521,886	196,894 ==
Represented by:			
Members fund Deferred capital grant	12 13	2 521,884	196,892 
Total		521,886	196,894

The financial statements on pages 7 to 14 were approved by the Board of Directors on 31 May 2007 and were signed on its behalf by

Mr Nurallah Merchant

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Director General, University Administration

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

#### 1 Accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting in Further and Higher Education Institutions and the Companies Act 1985

#### a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

#### b) Group accounts

The financial statements present information about the Aga Khan University (International) in the United Kingdom ("the University") as an individual undertaking and not about the group. The University and its subsidiary undertaking comprise a small-sized group. The University has therefore taken advantage of the exemptions provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

#### c) Recognition of income

Tuition fees are recognized as income over the period of instruction

Income from grants is included to the extent of the expenditure incurred during the year, together with any related contributions towards overhead costs. Grants that have been received during the year but which relate to future expenditure are deferred to future years.

Grants received in respect of the acquisition of fixed assets are treated as deferred capital grants and amortised in line with depreciation over the life of the assets

Donations and other income are recognised in the income and expenditure account in the year to which they relate

Income from short term deposits is credited to the income and expenditure account in the period in which it is earned

All other income is recorded on accrual basis

#### d) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling either at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year end or where there are related forward foreign exchange contracts, at contract rates

The resulting exchange differences are dealt with in the determination of income and expenditure for the year

#### e) Pensions

Payments to the University's defined contribution pension scheme are charged to the income and expenditure account as they become payable

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### f) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation and permanent diminutions in value. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life. The rates of depreciation for office and other equipment and library books have been changed during the year to bring the rates in line with The Aga Khan University as follows

Leasehold improvements

Computer equipment

Office and other equipment

Library books

Manuscripts

Life of lease period

33 3% straight line

15% straight line (from 25% straight line)

15% straight line (from 0%)

0%

Manuscripts and rare items are accounted for on a 'stock' accounting basis. Any items purchased are capitalised at cost and as they become obsolete or out of date or unusable, they are scrapped and the original cost is written off to the income and expenditure account in full. The items held therefore, maintain high residual values in relation to costs and due to this, they are not depreciated. The University maintains an appropriate register of manuscripts in order to apply this accounting policy.

#### g) Cash flow statement

The University has taken advantage of the exemption permitted by FRS1, whereby a cash flow statement need not be prepared by a small company as defined in the Companies Act 1985

2	Funding Grant	2006 £	2005 £
a)	Aga Khan University Foundation (AKUF), Geneva Deferred income brought forward Amount received during the year (excluding deferred capital grant) Release of deferred capital grant Income deferred to future periods (deferred income closing balance)	322,912 1,437,938 92,070 (222,904)	265,261 1,161,757 61,947 (322,912)
b)	The Aga Khan University Contribution for central support costs (see note 14)	1,630,016 102,948 1,732,964	1,166,053 129,134 1,295,187
3	Fees and other income	£	£
a)	Tuition fees - M A Programme Less Remission	35,625 (25,672) 	- -
b)	Other income Seminar, registration and workshop fees Contributions/donations received Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	10,135	7,643 12,494 393 20,530

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

4	Staff	costs
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The average monthly number of persons (including senior post-holders) employed by the University during the
vear was

	year was	2006 Number	2005 Number
	Faculty	5	4
	Support services	14	15
		19	19
		£	£
	Staff costs for the above persons	2	~
	Wages and salaries	812,766	631,401
	Social security costs	90,390	72,993
	Other pension costs	74,342	33,018
	Other staff costs	1,411	2,059
		978,909	739,471
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5	Other operating expenses	£	£
	Hotel expenses	16,899	22,312
	Honorarium	2,200	1,792
	Conference and seminar related expenses	9,239	22,572
	Travel	34,136	49,543
	Recruitment costs	21,137	35,524
	Consultancy fees	53,399	6,248
	Rent and service charge	172,384	116,151
	Rates	16,128	7,617
	Utilities	2,170	10.076
	Telephone and fax	18,274	10,076
	Repairs and maintenance	51,091	38,324
	Legal and professional	37,426	30,793
	Insurance	20,518	5,788
	Office supplies	21,371	14,685
	Office cleaning and maintenance	19,883	13,953
	Sundry	3,140	1,306
	Central support costs (note 14)	102,948	129,134
	Promotional	39,201	10,588
	Training	2,984	11,199
	Student related costs	42,621	-
	Course materials	1,144	
		688,293	527,605

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

5	Other operating expenses (continued)	2006	2005
	Other operating expenses include	£	£
	Auditors' remuneration (included in legal and professional)	8,477 ======	7,860 

#### 6 Taxation

The University was established to undertake its activities on a non-commercial basis, funded by grants. On this basis no taxation has been provided for in these accounts

#### 7 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements	Computer equipment	Office and other equipments	Library books	Manuscripts	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
Brought forward	165,452	66,610	120,263	105,674	-	457,999
Additions	222,619	60,610	73,541	60,292	-	417,062
Reclassified	•			(5,000)	5,000	-
Carried forward	388,070	127,220	193,804	160,966	5,000	875,061
Depreciation						241107
Brought forward	107,643	47,294	106,170	-	-	261,107
Charge for year	37,450	4,936	16,002	33,682	-	92,070
Og. 101 / 0	145,093	52,230	122,172	33,682	-	353,177
Net book value						
At 31 December 2006	242,977	74,991	71,632	127,284	5,000	521,884
At 31 December 2005	57,809	19,317	14,092	105,674	-	196,892

<sup>(</sup>a) The life of the lease of 3 Bedford Square premises is 5 years from 20 March 2002 with a 3 year break clause. All costs relating to this lease have now been fully depreciated.

£ £

Subsidiary company

**Investments** 

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The University owns 100% of the issued ordinary £1 shares of The Institute For The Study Of Muslim Civilisations Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales with one issued share. The subsidiary has been dormant since its acquisition

<sup>(</sup>b) The life of the lease of 4 and 5 Bedford Square premises is 10 years from 5 December 2005 with a break clause in December 2009

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

9	Debtors	2006 £	2005 £
	Refundable rent deposit Other debtors Prepayments	50,000 28,882 104,177	50,000 21,502 35,803
		183,059	107,305

Included within other debtors is an amount of £17,578 (2005 £20,287) due from the Aga Khan University (See note 14)

The refundable rent deposit is repayable at the end of the lease term, the earliest date being March 2007

#### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

<u>-</u>	£	£
Creditors for services Amounts owed to subsidiary undertaking Taxation and social security Deferred income Accrued expenses	55,245 1 26,860 222,904 50,666	15,258 1 23,807 322,912 37,613
	355,676	399,591

Deferred income is made up of grant funding received during the year from Aga Khan University Foundation, Geneva that has been provided to fund expenditure in future years

#### 11 Financial Commitments

At 31 December the University had annual commitments under operating leases as follows

	Land a	Land and Buildings	
	£	£	
Expiry date Between 1 and 2 years Between 2 and 5 years	25,000 221,416	100,000 221,416	

#### 12 Control

The limit of the total guarantees of the members of the University amounted to £2 at the beginning and end of the year. These are held 50% by the Aga Khan University and 50% by Aga Khan Education Services S A

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

13	Deferred capital grant	2006 £	2005 £
	At 1 January Grant utilised during the year for the purchase of fixed assets (note 7) Released to income and expenditure account	196,892 417,062 (92,070)	129,596 129,243 (61,947)
	At 31 December	521,884	196,892

#### 14 Related party transactions

Parties related to the University are the Aga Khan University, Aga Khan Education Services S A and Aga Khan University Foundation, Geneva

Included within other debtors at the year end is a balance due from the Aga Khan University of £17,578 (2005 £20,287 payable) This balance is made up as follows.

	£	ı
Balance at 1 January	20,787	28,905
Other expenses included within the appropriate expense headings (within note 5)	(3,209)	(8,618)
Balance at 31 December 2006	17,578	20,287

### 14 1 Central support costs represent the allocation of senior management's time and related overhead costs

The central support costs for 2006 of £102,948 and those for 2005 of £129,134 have been contributed by the Aga Khan University and have been shown as a contribution from them (See note 2b)