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Resolution No. 1/44-INF
on
OIC Member States' support to the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs
(COMIAC)

The Forty-fourth Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in World of Solidarity) held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote D'Ivoire, on 16 and 17 Shawwal 1438H (10 and 11 July 2017);

Endeavouring to support the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) to fulfil its mandate, which includes giving information and culture in the Muslim world a new breakthrough to acquainting the international public opinion with the Islamic Ummah's lofty issues, particularly the question of Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif, to counter ill-conceived Islamophobic campaigns, follow up the implementation of the resolutions of the Islamic Conference in the COMIAC's areas of competence, consider ways to enhance cooperation among Member States on information and culture, and elaborate programmes and proposals to support the capacities of Member States in these two areas;

Pursuant to Paragraph 184 of the final communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace), held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14-15 April 2016, which praised the efforts of the Republic of Senegal to reinvigorate COMIAC and encouraged COMIAC to develop programmes and activities in the field of information and promote the OIC's media visibility in partnership with the relevant OIC institutions and international partners;

Recalling Resolution 3/10-INF on "the Role of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) in its Capacity as Coordinator of the Action of the OIC Information Organs", and Resolution 5/10-INF on "Reactivating the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) and Supporting its Coordination Office", adopted by the 10th session of the COMIAC held in Dakar on 28-29 April 2015;

Proceeding from Resolution 3/10-INF on "supporting the work of joint Islamic media action institutions", adopted by the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014 (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Islamic World), which underscores, in Operative Paragraph 3, the need to support the work of all joint Islamic media action institutions, including the Standing Committee for information and Cultural Affairs, to enhance synergy among them, improve their efficiency, contribute to their activities effectively, and benefit from the services they offer;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on information affairs submitted to the 43rd session of the Council of Foreign Ministers:

1. **Expresses** appreciation to the Republic of Senegal for its efforts in support of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), including the

appointment of the Director of the COMIAC's Coordination Office and the allocation of its seat in the capital, Dakar, and **calls** for continued reinvigoration and promotion of the work of COMIAC.

2. **Commends** the new dynamism of COMIAC to reinvigorate joint Islamic media action, and highly appreciates its convening of a media workshop on the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, in Dakar, Senegal, on 30 May 2016, which was attended by many of the OIC Member States' Ambassadors in Dakar, representatives of the media, civil society and the OIC General Secretariat, who have contributed to the OIC's media visibility in Senegal and Africa.
3. **Welcomes** the initiative of COMIAC President to launch an international prize to reward outstanding media and media professionals in the promotion of peace, tolerance and intercultural harmony, and highly appreciates the convening on 10 April in Dakar of the first meeting of the ad hoc committee formed during the 11th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah on 19-21 December 2016 to study the conditions and modalities for the implementation of the prize.
4. **Calls on** all Member States to be understanding of the critical financial situation of COMIAC, which requires them to continuously lending necessary support, including financial and in-kind support, and joint projects and programmes, proposed and submitted by the Coordination Office of COMIAC to enable it to carry out its mandate on information and culture within the framework of the Organisation of Islamic cooperation.
5. **Requests** the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 45th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2/44-INF
ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR THE MEDIA AND
JOURNALISTS**

The Forty-fourth Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in World of Solidarity) held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote D'Ivoire, on 16 and 17 Shawwal 1438H (10 and 11 July 2017);

Welcoming the praiseworthy efforts deployed by the chairman of COMIAC by giving new dynamism to the Commission,

Relying on the outcomes of the 10th session of COMIAC held in Dakar on 27 and 28 April 2014, particularly its recommendations on increasing support for Islamic journalism,

Taking into consideration the announcement by the chairman of COMIAC contained in his report which was adopted by Heads of State and Government who met in Istanbul in April 2016 during the 13th session of the Islamic Summit, particularly in relation to the guidelines proposed for adoption as a basis for the COMIAC' future programme,

Convinced of the major role that should be played by the media in the area of peace and development in Member States,

1. **Expresses** its profound gratitude for the initiative launched by the president of the Republic of Senegal, in his capacity as the chairman of COMIAC to establish as international prize to compensate excellent mass media and journalists in the area of promoting dialogue, tolerance and harmony among cultures;
2. **Commends** the efforts of the Republic of Senegal which culminated in the establishment of the *Ad Hoc* Committee in charge of examining the conditions and modalities of the prize, and appreciates highly the commitment of the member states and institutions of the *Ad Hoc* Committee and the outcomes of its first meeting held on 10 April 2017 in Dakar which were supported strongly by all member state.
3. **Invites** all Member States, OIC financial institutions and relevant OIC institutions to provide their full support to this initiative.
4. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat to follow up the implementation of this initiative, in cooperation with COMIAC and to present a report in this regard to the 45th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

Resolution No. 3/44-INF
on
Supporting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF)

The Forty-fourth Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in World of Solidarity) held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote D'Ivoire, on 16 and 17 Shawwal 1438H (10 and 11 July 2017);

Referring to Resolution No.1/40-INF adopted by the Fortieth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations, Factor of Peace and Sustainable Development), held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, on 6-8 Safar 1435H (9-11 December 2013) on granting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) an affiliated institution status,

Recalling the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), particularly those calling for promoting solidarity among the Islamic countries and strengthening capacities to protect their security, sovereignty, independence and national rights,

Recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016, particularly Paragraph 50 on Media and Public Diplomacy, which state that the media, including broadcast media, is the most effective tool and source for the dissemination of information and shaping of public opinion, and that the OIC is in the process of putting in place an elaborate strategy for effective public outreach and employing media for promoting the goals and objectives of the Organization;

Taking note the outcomes of the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia, held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21 December 2016,

Taking note at the same meeting of ICIM, IBRAF was invited through Resolution No.12/11-INF on the Role of Information in Combating Terrorism to prepare “a code of conduct including legislations and legal procedures for the media to encounter terrorism”,

Stressing that addressing the issue of Islamophobia starts with presenting the truth about the magnanimous religion of Islam to foreign interlocutors in a thoughtful and effective manner,

Emphasizing the importance of cooperation among Member States in developing media mechanisms to fight terrorism,

Having considered the report of the OIC Secretary General submitted to the Conference;

1. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Republic of Indonesia for hosting the 5th Annual Meeting of IBRAF under the theme Media Literacy & Media Landscape for World Harmony in Bandung, Republic of Indonesia on 23 February 2017,

2. **Welcomes** the outcomes of the 5th Annual Meeting of IBRAF in particular the adoption of Bandung Declaration on the Role of Media in Promoting Tolerance and Combating Terrorism and Islamophobia;
3. **Urges** Member States to take the necessary measures to encourage their national broadcasting regulatory authorities and / or institutions with similar functions and responsibilities to collaborate with the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF), which will be a platform dedicated to establishing and promoting regular coordination, communication and cooperation among the concerned parties in the Member States;
4. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.”

Resolution 4/44-INF
on
the Reaffirmation of the Resolutions of the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers

The Forty-fourth Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in World of Solidarity) held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote D'Ivoire, on 16 and 17 Shawwal 1438H (10 and 11 July 2017);

Based on the resolutions adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21 December 2016 (attached to the present resolution);

Recalling the Secretary General's report on Information Matters submitted to the 44th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of OIC Member States;

Decides the following:

- 1- **Reaffirms** the adoption of the resolutions of the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM) and calls for their implementation.
- 2- **Request** the OIC Secretary General to follow up the implementation of the present resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 45th Session of the CFM.



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**RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTED BY THE
11TH SESSION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF INFORMATION MINISTERS
(SESSION OF THE NEW MEDIA TO COUNTER TERRORISM AND
ISLAMOPHOBIA)**

**JEDDAH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
21 DECEMBER 2016**

Resolution 1/11-INF

on

Role of the Media in the OIC Member States in Supporting the Cause of Palestine and Al Quds Al-Sharif

The Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21-22 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);

- **Proceeding from** the principles and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and building on OIC resolutions stressing the importance of continued provision of appropriate media coverage for Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine cause in the Arab and Islamic media;
 - **Underlying** its previous resolutions on the causes of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Palestine and the occupied Arab territories, including the occupied Syrian Golan and the Lebanese Sheba Farms;
 - **Condemning** all forms of Israeli violations against the Palestinian people, including continued Judaization of Al-Quds, settlement, wall building, land confiscation, and the ongoing aggression and siege on the Gaza Strip, considering them as being contrary to all resolutions adopted by the UN Security Council and the General Assembly and to international charters and covenants;
 - **Holding** Israel fully responsible for foiling the international efforts to bring the peace process and peace negotiations to a successful conclusion and end the conflict in a way that leads to the establishment of the State of Palestine;
 - **Declaring** its full support for the Palestinian political position demanding complete cessation of settlement and Judaization of Al-Quds;
 - **Supporting** the Palestinian leadership's efforts to obtain membership for the State of Palestine in the United Nations;
 - **Taking into account** the importance of providing appropriate media coverage for the conditions and plights being experienced by the Palestinian people in the light of continued Israeli occupation and its escalating hostility towards them, and highlighting Israeli violations in Al-Quds and incessant attempts to Judaize the holy City;
 - **Taking into account** the need to provide support to the organs and agencies of the State of Palestine in all fields, particularly in information and communication, especially after Israel's shelling of media installations and buildings, the destruction of their equipment, and the confiscation of the equipments of many Palestinian radio stations and media institutions;
 - **Reaffirming** that information and communication outlets are amongst the most effective means used by governments and institutions to express their political, national and cultural positions and identities;
- 1. Makes an urgent appeal** to the Member States to provide urgent assistance to the State of Palestine to support, rebuild and upgrade the capacities of the Palestinian Information

Ministry, the Broadcasting Corporation, and the Palestinian News and Information Agency (WAFA), in terms of their headquarters, installations and equipment, and to exchange programmes and expertise with them in various fields.

2. **Calls on** the OIC Member States to provide all the support needed to the Palestinian people and leadership in their efforts to gain full UN membership and the same support for a UN Security Council resolution to reaffirm the non-legitimate character of Israeli colonial settlement and the need to put an end, according to a specified schedule, to Israeli occupation.
3. **Invites** the Member States and the media in those countries to continue to sensitize the public opinion to the Palestinian cause, by providing maximum media coverage for all aspects of life in the occupied Palestinian territory, and highlight the devastating effects of the occupying Israeli power, and its violations of international law and human rights, and the war crimes it committed and continues to commit.
4. **Calls on** the Member States to provide space in media to shed light on the continued occupying Israeli power's aggression City of Al-Quds and its holy sites, including through the judaization of the city.
5. **Calls on** the media in the Member States to dedicate the last Friday of the month of Ramadan every year as "Al-Quds Day", with programmes focusing on the importance of the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
6. **Appeals** to the Member States to continue monitoring developments of the Palestinian cause, to release widespread publications and audiovisual material treating of the various aspects of the Palestinian question, and reactivate journalistic and media correspondence from Palestine in such a way as to ensure Arab and Islamic commitment to publish reports, programmes and documentaries on Al-Quds and on all issues relating to the Arab-Israeli.
7. **Mandates** the OIC General Secretariat to coordinate with Al Quds Committee and relevant Palestinian authorities to organize, as soon as possible, a series of media symposia with a view to raising public opinion's awareness about the Palestinian cause, Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the aggression against Al-Aqsa Holy Mosque and other holy sites.
8. **Commends** the efforts of Al-Quds Committee's Bayt Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency in financing the restoration of the precincts of Al-Aqsa Mosque and projects in the areas of housing, health, culture, social affairs, youth and sports, as well as the restoration of mosques and monuments in the city; and **underlines** the resolutions adopted by Al-Quds Committee.
9. **Invites** media outlets in the Member States to intensify the production and exchange of information programmes with Palestinian media organs and make effective use of the media to present available information material on Israeli aggression, address the word public opinion, project the true picture of the Palestinian cause and the plights of the Palestinian people under occupation, and correct the image being presented by the Israeli propaganda machine.
10. **Expresses** appreciation for the resolution of Arab Information Ministers to consider Al-Quds as capital of Arab Media for the year 2016-2017 and invites all information ministries and media institutions in Member States to participate effectively in all events approved by the Information Ministry in the State of Palestine, in cooperation with information and communication sector of the League of Arab States.

- 11. Invites** States to host Al-Quds week in coordination with the Ministry of Information of the State of Palestine to shed light on the magnitude of the suffering of the residents of Al-Quds, Israelization attempts and the colonial judaization policies of the landmarks of the city of Al-Quds which affect the feelings of Muslims worldwide.
- 12. Calls on** the OIC General Secretariat to coordinate and follow up all issues pertinent to defending the Islamic-Christian identity of Al-Quds in the face of Judaization and expose the criminal actions committed by Israel in the media.
- 13. Invites** the Member States to provide full media support to Palestine's request for membership of the United Nations and its other international organizations, and spread awareness about this Palestinian endeavor and its importance in achieving the Palestinian national rights.
- 14. Calls for** establishing a Committee to develop an elaborate action plan aimed at supporting Palestine in the area of media and outreach, and to develop proposals and mechanisms for the revival, by Member States' media outlets, of Al-Quds Week.
- 15. Invites** all Member States to provide urgent assistance to support the steadfastness of the Palestinians in Al-Quds in various aspects, to enable them to continue confronting the ongoing campaigns aimed at judaizing the holy city, and preserving its cultural and religious identity as the capital of the State of Palestine.
- 16. Mandates** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 2/11-INF

on

Adoption of the Revised Versions of the OIC Anti-Islamophobia Media Strategy and its Implementation Mechanisms

The Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21-22 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);

- **Recalling** Resolution 2/9-INF on External Media Action, issued by the 9th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Libreville, Republic of Gabon, on 19-20 April 2012;
 - **Based on** the OIC Anti-Islamophobia Media Strategy adopted by the 9th ICIM;
 - **Referring** to the “Mechanism for Correcting the Image of Islam and Muslims in Europe and North America”, approved as part of implementation of the OIC Media Strategy at the open-ended experts’ meeting on external media action (Jeddah, 25-26 February 2013) which urged for the Strategy’s implementation;
 - **Referring to** the OIC Member States’ and specialized institutions’ expert-level meeting on the revision of the OIC Anti-Islamophobia Media Strategy along with its Implementation Mechanisms (Jeddah-based OIC General Secretariat, 24 October 2016), which made an initial revision to the Strategy and its implementation mechanisms;
 - **Based on** paragraph 132 of the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace), held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14-15 April 2016, which stressed that the media, including social media, is the most effective tool for spreading information and shaping public opinion, and recognized the decisive role it can assume in projecting the bright image of Islam and Member States to the outside world and achieving the objectives of Islamic solidarity;
1. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat, represented by the Information Department, in convening on 25 October 2016 the meeting to revise the OIC Anti-Islamophobia Media Strategy and its Implementation Mechanisms; and **welcomes** the Strategy and its Implementation Mechanism for its intersection with many Member States’ national plans and strategies on countering Islamophobia through media outreach.
 2. **Endorses** the operational recommendations of the expert meeting of 25 October 2016 on revising the OIC Anti-Islamophobia Media Strategy and its Implementation Mechanisms; **invites** the General Secretariat to work toward carrying out the various information programmes and projects provided for in the Media Strategy and its Implementation Mechanisms, in partnership with the Member States and media institutions; and **calls for** earmarking financial and logistical support for the implementation of the Strategy’s operational programmes and projects.
 3. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 3/11-INF

on

Adoption of the OIC 2025 Comprehensive Media Strategy

The Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21-22 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);

- **Based on** Paragraph 132 of the final communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace), held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, 14-15 April 2016, which stressed that the media, including social media, is the most effective tool for spreading information and shaping public opinion, and recognized the decisive role it can assume in projecting the bright image of Islam and Member States to the outside world and achieving the objectives of Islamic solidarity;
 - **Referring to** the OIC 2025 Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace), held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, 14-15 April 2016, particularly Paragraph 50 on Media and Public Diplomacy, which state that the media, including social media, is the most effective tool and source for information dissemination, and that the OIC is in the process of putting in place an elaborate strategy for effective public outreach and employing media for promoting the goals and objectives of the Organization;
 - **Guided by** Resolution 7/10-INF on “Promoting Media Visibility for the OIC’s Lead Role in Cultural Exchange, Development and Peace”, issued by the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014, and approved by the 41st and 42nd sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah and Kuwait-City respectively;
1. **Lauds** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat, represented by the Information Department, in conducting on 8 November 2016 the expert-level workshop to devise a comprehensive media strategy extending to 2025; endorses the workshop’s recommendations and commends the media Strategy’s concept paper prepared by the General Secretariat and examined by the workshop.
 2. **Adopts** the draft media strategy prepared by the General Secretariat, based on the concept paper presented at the workshop, and invites the General Secretariat to work toward implementing it in partnership with the Member States and the institutions reporting to the OIC along with other specialized media bodies.
 3. **Takes** note of the appreciation expressed for the initiative submitted by the Republic of Azerbaijan to establish, in Baku, a Journalists Association composed of private media outlets from the Member States; and **calls on** Azerbaijan to present a study on the project and consult with the Member States and the General Secretariat to examine this initiative in light both of the established legal provisions and of the OIC institutional framework.
 4. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 4/11-INF

on

Empowerment of Women in and through the Media

The Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21-22 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);

- **In accordance** with Resolution 8/10-INF, paragraph (a) in particular, on Boosting the Capacity and Productivity of Media Professionals and Media Institutions in Member States and Enhancing Cooperation amongst them, which was issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 10th session convened in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014;
 - **Referring** to Istanbul Declaration issued by the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, which took place in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, from 1 to 3 November 2016;
 - **Referring** to Article 193 of the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace), which was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14-15 April 2016, whereby the Summit Conference commended the Secretary General's role and tireless efforts to promote women advancement and empowerment;
 - **Noting** the OIC 2025 Programme of Action, adopted by the Islamic Summit Conference in its 13th session (Session of Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace), held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14-15 April 2016, specifically item 2.13 which sets as a principle the "Advancement and Empowerment of Women";
 - **Affirming** commitment to the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women along with its Implementation Mechanisms;
1. **Encourages** more Member States to participate in the Global Media Monitoring Project (GMMP) conducted by the UN.
 2. **Requests** SESRIC to conduct training workshops for the Member States in how to conduct research works and studies for monitoring and reporting women's presence in the media.
 3. **Calls for** fostering cooperation between the OIC General Secretariat, ISESCO, Women Development Organization, the Islamic Conference of the Ministers in Charge of Women Affairs, the conference's Advisory Council for Women, along with media institutions in the Member States and international media outlets on organizing workshops and seminars on women empowerment in and through the media.
 4. **Establishes** the OIC Women Media Observatory within the Information Department, which shall perform the following tasks:

- a. Issue a progress report on women in the media, based on studies and reports by the Member States, and present it every two years to the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.
 - b. Regularly collect data and reports about women achievements, issues and concerns from the Member States and disseminate them to the press and other media for awareness raising.
 - c. Develop a guideline to best women empowerment practices in and through the media, and to discrimination to which women are subjected amid terrorism.
 - d. Consider the possibility of initiating a women media prize for best press reports and media achievements by women in the Member States, providing financial support to media institutions and boosting women's place in the media.
5. **Commissions** the Organization for Women Development to implement, upon its activation, all the provisions of this resolution including activities, workshops and symposia, drawing on its initial functions and mandate set out in its Rules of Procedure, in coordination with the OIC Women Media Observatory.
6. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 5/11-INF

on

Internal and External Media Action in Partnership with OIC Member States' and International Media Institutions

The Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21-22 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);

- **Based on** Resolution 2/10-INF on Internal and External Media Action in Partnership with the OIC Member States' and International Media Institutions, which was issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 10th session (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Muslim World), and which was approved by the 42nd Council of Foreign Ministers held in the State of Kuwait on 27-28 May 2015;
 - **Based on** Resolution 2/9-INF on External Media Action by Developing a Comprehensive Media Plan with the Contribution of Member States and Ambassadors' Groups in Key World Capitals, issued by the 9th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Libreville, Republic of Gabon, on 19-20 April 2012;
 - **In accordance with** Resolution 1/38-INF on Information Affairs, particularly as concerns interaction with external media, issued by the 38th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 28-30 June 2011;
 - **Proceeding from** Resolution 1/37-INF on Information Affairs, particularly as concerns interaction with external media issued by the 37th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Shared vision of a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World), held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, on 18-20 May 2010;
1. **Commends** the OIC General Secretariat's efforts in interacting with external media, and emphasizes the importance of providing financial means in order to finance activities related to direct interaction with foreign media, including consideration of the establishment of a fund to which Members States, institutions and individuals shall make voluntary contributions, since the establishment of such a fund is of dire necessity for the actual commencement of interaction with external media for the benefit of the Muslim world.
 2. **Commends** the media partnerships which the OIC General Secretariat, represented by the Information Department, concluded with a number of leading media institutions, with the view to boost joint Islamic media action, increase visibility for the Organization and its causes in media hubs, regionally and worldwide, and develop and hone professional capacities and skills of media professionals; and **calls on** the General Secretariat to intensify and diversify partnerships with leading media institutions so as to benefit the Organization.

3. **Invites** the OIC Ambassadorial Groups, particularly in non-Member States, to attach importance to media action and to interact with foreign media outlets, in order to support Islamic causes.
4. **Calls for** closer connections and coordination with civil society institutions in the OIC Member States in serving the causes of the Ummah in the information and public relations domains, while enlisting Muslim world youth studying abroad and Islamic communities in non-OIC Member States.
5. **Calls for involving** media institutions in the member states, public and private, in implementing media resolutions:
 - a- Hold annual conference and exhibition for media institutions in the member states;
 - b- Hold seminars on specific issues of concern;
 - c- Hold regional conferences.
6. **Condemns** biased Western media campaigns against the State of Qatar, which question the latter's eligibility to organize the 2022 World Cup, and some Western media's insistence on spreading false and prejudiced information aimed at questioning its eligibility to organize the 2022 World Cup, despite Qatar's bid winning the Mondial's organization through fair and transparent competition; **underlines** that holding the 2022 World Cup in the State of Qatar, an OIC Member State, is in itself an achievement of all OIC countries and a right to all the peoples of the Muslim world; and therefore **invites** joint Islamic action institutions and media outlets in the OIC Member States to support the State of Qatar in refuting disinformation and incitement by some Western media in this regard.
7. **Denounces** all forms of incitement to terrorism, violence and sectarianism by some audio-visual and written media against the Republic of Iraq and other OIC Member States; and calls upon their governments to take all necessary measures against this offensive practice by these media.
8. **Condemns** the media campaigns waged by some media, including some satellite channels, against the Arab Republic of Egypt and its institutions, which incite to committing acts of violence and terrorism, and affirms its solidarity with the Arab Republic of Egypt, and backs all the measures it takes to counter these campaigns in accordance with the Charter.
9. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 6/11-INF

on

Supporting the Implementation of the Special Media Programme Highlighting Africa's Position and Role in the Muslim World and its Extension to Other Regions

The Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21-22 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);

- **Based on** Resolution 4/10-INF on Supporting the Implementation of the Special Media Programme Highlighting Africa's Position and Role in the Muslim World and the Extension of the Programme to Other Regions, which was issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 10th session held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014 (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Muslim World), and which was approved by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 42nd session held in Kuwait City on 27-28 May 2015;
 - **Being cognizant** of the capabilities and potential of the OIC African Member States in various sectors, which they need to highlight and promote in the media to raise awareness thereof through a special media programme;
 - **Recalling** Resolution 6/9-INF on the Proposal of a Special Media Programme Highlighting Africa's Position and Role in the Muslim World, issued by the 9th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Libreville, Republic of Gabon, on 19-20 April 2012;
 - **Recalling** Resolution 5/40-INF issued by the 40th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, on 9-11 December 2013;
 - **Recalling** Para. 1 of Resolution 1/33-INF on the Role of Information and Communication in Promoting the Just Causes and Image of Islam, which was issued by the 33rd session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 19-21 June 2006;
 - **Proceeding** from the resolution of the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005 (Para. 7) on the need to deal with foreign media in an effective manner, in order to enable the Muslim world to expose its point of view of the developments at the international scene;
1. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat to implement the special media programme highlighting Africa's position and role in the Muslim world, including through the organization of an open-ended experts meeting on the implementation of the programme, on 25-26 February 2013 at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah, which yielded important recommendations on the programme's implementation;
 2. **Calls for** raising Member States' awareness about the negative stereotypes against African Member States by some western media and for refraining from reflecting the same images;

and **calls for** the adoption of a system for the exchange of programmes at the bilateral and multilateral levels. The states concerned shall produce the content of this system and the General Secretariat shall share it with all Member States, and the Member States shall be responsible for distributing it to national broadcasting corporations;

3. Reiterates its call for highlighting the capacities of African OIC Member States and the role they can play in promoting Islamic solidarity, through a media programme dedicated to Africa which would highlight the continent's position in the Muslim world, and calls on interested Member States to undertake the projects included in this media programme or some of them. In this regard, the Conference:

- a.** Welcomes the Kingdom of Morocco's initiative to host the "Media Forum on the African Continent: Image and Investment Opportunities" in Marrakech, on 17 through 19 December 2015, with the objective to shed light on African Member States' history, culture and huge economic potential, in order to contribute to improving the image of Africa in the media and eradicating the negative stereotypes presenting the African continent as an area of poverty and instability.
- b.** Calls on the OIC Member States to finance and supervise the production of a 10 to 15 minutes documentary in the three official languages of the OIC (Arabic-English-French) on the capabilities and investment opportunities in the African Member States concerned. The Information Department of the OIC General Secretariat shall circulate the documentary to all OIC Member States for broadcasting on their TV channels.
- c.** Calls on OIC African Member States to provide the Information Department of the OIC General Secretariat with press material, statistics, data, pictures, audio and television material to prepare press files (audiovisual and written) in the three official languages of the OIC (Arabic, English and French) on various issues for use in the OIC publications and events and for dissemination to media outlets in the OIC Member States.
- d.** Invites the Member States to shed light, through the media, on the Dakar-Port Sudan railway project and the investment importance of this historic project.
- e.** Calls on the Department of Information of the OIC General Secretariat to select journalists from a number of Member States and send them on field trips to some African Member States, accompanied by delegates for the Department of Information, in order to have a firsthand look and engage with officials there, meet community members, conduct specialized investigative journalism and report back in their media.
- f.** Requests the Department of Information of the OIC General Secretariat to ensure media circulation of the statistics and reports of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) on the figure-backed potentials and capabilities in African countries and their inclusion in press reports to be sent to various mass media using the Department's database.
- g.** Calls for supporting similar media programmes to be implemented in other regions of the Muslim world.

4. **Commands** the creation of an ISESCO Regional Center for Continued Training of Journalists in Africa, to be based in Dakar, in cooperation with COMIAC and the Center of Studies on Information Sciences and Techniques (CESTI); **calls upon** the envisioned Center to participate actively in the implementation of OIC programmes; **commends** the cooperation between ISESCO and the Khartoum-based Media Training Academy of the Sudan; and **calls for** continued cooperation to train media professionals in Eastern and Central Africa.
5. **Calls** for initiating an international research conference on the African continent to discuss, every two years, the philosophy of Islam and rejection of racism and discrimination based on gender and colour, and feature a cultural festival.
6. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 7/11-INF
on
Progress on the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel

The Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21-22 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);

- **Based on** Resolution 1/43-INF regarding Progress on the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel, issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 43rd session (Session of Education and Enlightenment – Path to Peace and Creativity), which took place in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October 2016;
 - **Commending** Resolution 2/10-INF on Supporting the Launch of the OIC Online Channel, adopted issued by the 10th session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), which was held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 27-28 April 2015;
 - **Based on** Resolution 6/10-INF on the “Progress on the Project of Launching the OIC Satellite Channel”, issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 10th session (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Muslim World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014;
 - **Recalling** Resolution 8/9-INF on Launching the OIC Satellite Channel, issued by the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Libreville, Republic of Gabon, 19-20 April 2012), which approved in principle the project of launching an OIC satellite channel under the OIC umbrella, and which had been adopted by the CFM sessions held in the Republic of Djibouti on 15-17 November 2012, in Conakry, the Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013, in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 18-19 June 2014, and in the State of Kuwait on 27-28 May 2015;
 - **Taking note** of the two open-ended expert-group meetings on the launch of the OIC Satellite Channel, held at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah, on 23-24 February 2013 and 11 May 2016 respectively; the four meetings of the ad hoc committee, following up the finalization of the launch of the OIC Satellite Channel, comprising Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Gabon, Palestine, Qatar, Egypt, Mauritania and the OIC General Secretariat, held to discuss the project and its feasibility study, on 12 May 2013, 10 March 2015, 20 October 2015, and 11 May 2016 respectively;
1. **Commends** the OIC General Secretariat’s efforts to launch the OIC satellite channel, through the numerous expert-group meetings of Member States and the ad hoc select committee mandated to follow up the conclusion of the launching process.
 2. **Takes note** of the adoption, by the 43rd CFM, of the feasibility study on the launch of the OIC Satellite Channel, with reservation on financing section on the launch of the channel, prepared by leading consultants, pursuant to the recommendations of the second open-ended expert-group meeting, held at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah on 11 May 2016, and approves the launch of the satellite channel.

3. **Calls on** the OIC General Secretariat to continue its endeavors to explore ways to finance the OIC Satellite Channel, in consultation with the OIC Member States, OIC-affiliated institutions and the private sector; and **mandates** it to take practical steps towards establishing and launching the OIC Satellite Channel at the OIC General Secretariat.
4. **Invites** the General Secretariat to create an OIC Web TV streaming channel to broadcast its recorded conferences, meetings, programmes and activities as well as the statements of the Secretary General on certain occasions, meetings with officials, short thematic videos, cultural and economic programmes, etc., pending the actual launch of the satellite channel; **takes note of** the project budget estimates, presented by the General Secretariat to the Financial Committee for consideration; and **calls on** the Committee to examine all possible ways to secure the necessary financial resources for the launch of this project.
5. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 8/11-INF

on

Supporting the Work of Joint Islamic Media Action Institutions

The Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21-22 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);

- **Guided by** Resolution 4/43-INF on the OIC Member States' Support to the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 43rd session (Session of Education and Enlightenment – Path to Peace and Creativity), which took place in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October 2016;
 - **Based on** Resolution 3/10-INF on “supporting the work of joint Islamic media action institutions”, issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 10th session (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Islamic World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014, and which was approved by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 42nd session held in Kuwait City on 27-28 May 2015;
 - **Recalling** Resolution 1/10-INF on Supporting the Restructuring Process of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU), along with support to the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) and the OIC Media Forum (OMF), which was issued by the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) in its 10th session held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 28-29 April 2015;
 - **Proceeding from** Resolution 3/9-INF on Supporting the Restructuring Process of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU), which was issued by the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Libreville, Republic of Gabon, on 19-20 April 2012;
 - **Recalling** Resolution 2/8-INF on Energizing the Sector of Information and Communication in the Organization, issued by the 8th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, 25-28 January 2009);
1. **Underscores** the need to support the work of all joint Islamic media action institutions (International Islamic News Agency (IINA), Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU), the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF), the OIC Media Forum (OMF), and the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC); **emphasizes** the importance of enhancing synergy among them and improving their effectiveness; and **invites** Member States to pay their contributions to the budgets of all these institutions, contribute to their activities effectively, and benefit from the services they offer.
 2. **Welcomes** the scientific study prepared by the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) on “Media Content on Islam in Light of International Law”, and **calls on** the General Secretariat to build on it in joint Islamic media action, and **invites** the

ISESCO to circulate this study to competent circles and to media faculties and institutes in Member States to benefit from them.

3. **Supports** the process of restructuring IINA as adopted by the 8th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Rabat, 27-28 January 2009) and at IINA General Assembly.
4. **Supports** the process of restructuring the IBU as adopted by the 8th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Rabat, 27-28 January 2009) and at the 10th IBU General Assembly; and **commends** the resolutions of the IBU General Assembly's meeting at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, on 24 November 2016.
5. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 9/11-INF

on

Establishment of an International Prize to Media Outlets and Professionals

The Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21-22 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);

- **Recalling** Resolution 5/43-INF on the Establishment of an International Prize to Media and Professionals, issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 43rd session (Session of Education and Enlightenment – Path to Peace and Creativity), which took place in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October 2016;
 - **Welcoming** the commendable efforts exerted by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) to bring a new dynamism to the Committee;
 - **Based on** Resolution 5/10-INF on “Reactivating the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC)”, issued by COMIAC’s 10th session (Dakar, Republic of Senegal, 28-29 April 2015), more particularly Para. 4 proposing the setting up of a prize for best media production on redressing the image of Islam;
 - **Considering** Paragraph 184 of the final communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace), held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14-15 April 2016, which praised the Republic of Senegal’s efforts to reinvigorate COMIAC;
 - **Taking into** consideration the announcement by the chairman of COMIAC contained in his report which was adopted by the Heads of State and Government who met in Istanbul in April 2016 during the 13th session of the Islamic Summit, particularly with relation to the guidelines proposed for adoption as a basis for COMIAC’s future programme;
 - **Based on** Para. 132 of the final communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace), held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, 14-15 April 2016, which stressed that the media, including social media, are the most effective tool for information dissemination and public opinion shaping, and recognized their decisive role in projecting a bright image of Islam and Member States to the outside world and achieving the objectives of Islamic solidarity;
 - **Being convinced of** the major role that should be played by the media in the area of peace and development in Member States;
1. **Expresses** its profound appreciation for the initiative launched by the President of the Republic of Senegal, in his capacity as the chair of COMIAC, to establish an international prize to compensate excellent media outlets and professionals with outstanding contribution to promoting dialogue, tolerance and harmony among cultures.
 2. **Recommends** the establishment of an ad hoc committee comprising, among others, representatives of the three OIC Groups, COMIAC and the Information Department at the

OIC General Secretariat, SESRIC and all OIC institutions relevant to the media, in order to discuss the criteria and procedures for establishing the international prize. The following Member States have expressed their desire to sit on this committee: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Arab Republic of Egypt, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Republic of Mali, Burkina Faso, Republic of Uzbekistan.

3. **Approves** the setting up of an ad-hoc committee to be tasked with the examination of the modalities and conditions for the organization of the International Prize as follows: representatives of the three OIC geographical groups (list to be determined following consultations among the Member States), COMIAC, the OIC Department of Information, ISESCO, IRCICA, SESRIC as well as all OIC institutions working in the media field, and **requests** that the committee's first meeting be held in the shortest possible time in Dakar.
4. **Invites** all Member States, OIC financial institutions and relevant OIC institutions to provide their full support to this initiative.
5. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 10/11-INF

on

Promoting Media Visibility for the OIC's Lead Role in Cultural Exchange, Development and Peace

The Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21-22 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);

- **Based on** Resolution 7/10-INF on “Supporting the Promotion of the OIC’s Media Visibility in Pioneering Cultural Exchange, Development and Peace”, issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 10th session (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Muslim World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014, and endorsed by the 42nd session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Kuwait City on 27-28 May 2015;
 - **Recalling** Resolution 6/41-INF on Promoting Media Visibility for the OIC’s Lead Role in Cultural Exchange, Development and Intercultural Dialogue Issues, issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers’ 41st session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 18 and 19 June 2014;
 - **Recalling** Resolution 2/8-INF on Energizing the Sector of Information and Communication in the Organization, issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 8th session held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 27-28 January 2009;
 - **Proceeding from** Resolution 1/38-INF on Information Affairs, particularly as regards interaction with external media, which was issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 38th session (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 28-30 June 2011;
1. **Reiterates its call** on the Member States to support the General Secretariat’s efforts aimed at promoting the OIC’s media visibility regarding its lead role in promoting cultural exchange, development and intercultural dialogue through various means including:
 - a) Participation in various media forums and conferences on intercultural dialogue, development and peace; and joint cooperation among Member States in this regard.
 - b) Organizing forums on the media’s role in promoting dialogue and cultural exchange and highlighting the OIC’s role, its programmes and activities in these fields.
 2. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 11/11-INF

on

Boosting the Capacity and Productivity of Media Professionals and Media Institutions in the Member States and Enhancing Cooperation among them

The Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21-22 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);

- **Based on** Resolution 8/10-INF on Boosting the Capacity and Productivity of Journalists and Media Institutions in the Member States and Cooperation among them, issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 10th session (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Muslim World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014, and which was approved by the Council of Foreign Ministers' 42nd session held in Kuwait City on 27-28 May 2015;
 - **Referring to** Resolution 7/41-INF on Boosting the Capacity and Productivity of Journalists and Media Institutions in Member States and Enhancing Cooperation among them, issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers' 41st session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 18 and 19 June 2014;
 - **Recalling** Resolution 4/9-INF on Coordination in the Information Field within the Framework of the OIC in Order to Give a Comprehensive Picture of Joint Islamic Action, issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 9th session (Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development), held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 15-17 November 2012;
 - **Based on** Resolution 2/8-INF on Activating the Information and Communication Sector in the OIC, issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers' 8th session held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 25-28 January 2009;
 - **Given** the benefit pursued from establishing partnerships between media institutions and the OIC General Secretariat;
1. **Lauds** the efforts of the Department of Information at the OIC General Secretariat aimed at boosting the capacity and productivity of media professionals, including by conducting in Jeddah on 6-10 November 2016 a workshop on social media, sponsored by Thomson Foundation, with the participation of 15 media professionals along with a number of specialist form the OIC General Secretariat and OIC-affiliate bodies, and by organizing a training course on press statements writing skills, in which 22 staff members of the General Secretariat and affiliate media institutions participated, sponsored by the Prince Ahmad Ibn Salman Applied Media Academy at the OIC General Secretariat from 27-30 October 2014.
 2. **Reiterates** the call for boosting the capacity and productivity of media professionals and media institutions in the Member States and enhancing cooperation among them, through

various means; and **calls on** the OIC General Secretariat to supervise expertise sharing projects among the Member States in various media fields, including:

- a) **Providing** training programmes to media professionals from the OIC and its Member States on human rights, women, poverty, education, the family, natural disaster preparedness and other issues.
 - b) **Exchanging** professional visits between media professionals from the Member States and the OIC, and among media professionals in the Member States, in order to raise awareness and forge professional communication and cooperation among them.
 - c) **Jointly producing** TV programmes and documentary films on several social and developmental issues in the Member States.
3. **Calls on** the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) to contribute, through its relevant programmes, to boosting the capacity and productivity of media professionals and media institutions by rehabilitating media professionals in the Member States, in coordination with the Information Department of the OIC General Secretariat.
 4. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution 12/11-INF

on

The Role of Information in Combating Terrorism

The Islamic Conference of Information Ministers convened in its 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21-22 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);

Recalling Resolution No. 2/9 INF on external information move as issued by the Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Session of Information Technologies in the Service of Peace and Development) which was held on 19-20 April 2012 in Libreville, Republic of Gabon;

In view of the continued threat that terrorism and extremism have come to pose to peace, security and stability for all states and peoples, particularly by way of the hate messages propagated by the violent extremist groups through the social media;

Reaffirming that the combat against terrorism, extremism and violent extremism require the cooperation of Islamic Countries, their scholars and their institutions;

- 1. Calls on** the media outlets and intellectuals to highlight the fact that terrorism is a universal social phenomenon which has its own causes and types and that it is not a religious phenomenon even as it abuses religion to achieve its objectives and interests.
- 2. Calls on** Member States to condemn and incriminate any media that seek to spread and incite terrorism as well as any individuals or parties that exploit the social media platforms to support terrorism.
- 3. Emphasizes** the role of the OIC Member States' information vehicles, particularly the new media tools including social media, in insisting on the international combat against terrorism, the showcasing of authentic Islam and the rejection of terrorism, while stressing that Islam is a religion of tolerance which advocates peaceful coexistence among all humans.
- 4. Calls for** training programmes to train media cadres capable of dealing with terrorist events and ensuring their appropriate coverage such that they may have the capacity to handle modern-day technologies, in full awareness of the objectives of the Islamic information's message; **calls for** a group of specialists and experts in the areas of security, social, psychological and educational fields to participate in these training programmes; and **calls on** the OIC General Secretariat to present a study on training mechanism for media cadres, in coordination with ISESCO.
- 5. Invites** the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) to prepare a code of conduct including legislations and legal procedures for the media to counter terrorism.
- 6. Calls for** the consolidation of joint cooperation among the Member States' media outlets as to the development of the Islamic information product with a view to upscaling their performance in such a way as to better serve the Islamic Ummah's causes, and to elaborate advanced information messages based on diversity and pluralism such as to contribute to the combat against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

7. **Calls** for intensifying efforts and keeping pace with the new information and communication technologies – New media – and to acquire high level professionalism and keep pace with expertise such as to advance the war against terrorism.
8. **Lays stress** on the importance for the OIC General Secretariat to participate in projecting the role of the Islamic States mediawise with regard to the Member States' efforts in countering terrorism intellectually and practically backed up with facts and figures, as well as the role played by the OIC in terms of assistance in spreading the authentic image of the tolerant Islam which advocates fellowship, mutual love and the spread of peace and security worldwide.
9. **Encourages** the OIC General Secretariat to produce short films to face up to the terrorist phenomenon through the social media and to launch media campaigns on the social media networks rejecting violence and extremism and calling for dialogue and coexistence.
10. **Calls on** specialists to undertake further researches on the relationship between the misuse of the internet and social media by the violent extremist groups and the factors that push individuals towards extremism.
11. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.
