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Resolution No. 1/9-INF
on
Interaction with External Media and Activation of the
Relevant Supervisory Subcommittee

The Ninth Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs, convened in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 11 to 13 October 2010),

Proceeding from Resolution 1/8-INF on Interaction with External Media, adopted by the Eighth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, 25-28 January 2009;

Referring to paragraph (C) of Resolution 1/35-INF on Interaction with External Media adopted by the 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Prosperity and Development) held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda, on 14-16 Jumada II, 1429H (18-20 June, 2009);

Recalling Resolution 1/8-INF (COMIAC) on Information Affairs, adopted by the Eighth Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 22-24 Shawwal 1427H (13-15 November, 2006);

Referring to the resolutions of the Seventh Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 20-21 Sha'ban, 1427H (13-14 September, 2006), particularly Paragraph I on Interaction with External Media;

Proceeding from the resolutions of the Third Extraordinary Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December, 2005 (Para 7) concerning the need to deal with the external media efficiently in order to enable the Muslim world to present its views on world developments;

Recalling also Resolution 13/31-POL on the Rationalization of Agenda Items and Resolutions of Islamic Conferences, adopted by the 31st Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, in June 2004;

Having considered the OIC Secretary-General's report to this session, particularly the paragraphs relating to the Secretary-General's actions and activities aimed at projecting the tolerant image of Islam and presenting its viewpoint regarding world events and developments:

1. **Invites** a group of experts representing the supervisory ministerial sub-committee established by virtue of a resolution of the 7th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, and composed of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Malaysia, the Republic of Senegal, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Kingdom of Morocco, to meet as soon as possible in order to develop an integrated action plan to address the outside world in the language it understands and using the methods matching its logic and mindset with the purpose of correcting the distorted image of Islam and highlighting its noble message and lofty values. The action plan will be

submitted to the next session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, for decision.

2. **Stresses** the importance of mobilizing the financial capabilities to finance projects relating to interaction with the external media, including the possibility of establishing a fund with the voluntary contribution of Member States, institutions and individuals; and *invites* the aforesaid group of experts representing the supervisory ministerial sub-committee to propose practicable means of implementing this proposal.
3. **Renews its call** to the OIC Ambassadorial groups to give interest to information action and coordinate their moves in this regard.
4. **Calls for** efforts to be made to connect and coordinate with civil society institutions in the OIC Member States in serving the causes of the Ummah in the information domain, utilizing the services of the Muslim world youth studying abroad and the Muslim communities in non-OIC Member States.
5. **Requests** the OIC Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC).

Resolution No. 2/9-INF
on
Energizing the Information and Communication Sector in the Organization
and opening Information Coordination Offices

The Ninth Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs, convened in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 11 to 13 October 2010,

Proceeding from Resolution 2/8-INF on Energizing the Information and Communication Sector in the OIC, adopted by the Eighth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, 25-28 January 2009;

Proceeding from paragraph (A) of Resolution 1/35-INF on energizing the information and communication sector, adopted by the 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Prosperity and Development) held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda ,on 14-16 Jumada II 1429H (18-20 June 2008);

Recalling Resolution 1/8-INF (COMIAC) on Information Affairs, adopted by the Eighth Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 22-24 Shawwal 1427H (13-15 November 2006);

Recalling Resolution 1/33-INF on the role of information and communication in advancing the just causes of Islam and projecting its noble image, adopted by the 33rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 19-21 June 2006;

Proceeding from the decision of the Third Extraordinary Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005 (Para 7) relating to the need to deal with the external media efficiently in order to enable the Muslim world to present its views on new world developments;

Commending the orientations and measures proposed by the Secretary-General concerning the need to give new impetus to the sector of information and communication and to intensify media activities in order to highlight the Organization's activities in Member States' media;

Recalling also Resolution 13/31-Pol on the review and rationalization of the OIC agenda items and resolutions, adopted by the 31st Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey in June 2004;

Commending the steady efforts of the Secretary-General to spotlight the tolerant image of Islam and highlight the Organization's positions vis-à-vis the current issues through his activities and visits to various countries, universities and research and media institutions, and to highlight Member States' concerns over the campaigns waged by some media with the purpose of distorting the image of Islam and Muslims;

Having considered the OIC Secretary-General's report submitted to this session , particularly the paragraphs thereof relating to the activities and actions of the Secretary-General to project the tolerant image of Islam and expound his point of view regarding world events and developments;

1. **Calls upon** the information and communication outlets in the Member States to attach more importance to the programmes and activities of the OIC General Secretariat and Secretary-General, and to spotlight them in the Member States' printed, audio-visual and electronic media in coordination with the relevant institutions in Member States.
2. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat to take all appropriate measures and mechanisms to highlight OIC's programmes and activities as part of the common action to project the tolerant image of Islam, and open information coordination offices in some States, and mandates the forthcoming Islamic Conference of Ministers of Information to take decision thereon.
3. **Takes note** of the appointment of young and competent officers at the OIC Information Department, and calls for support for this Department to enable it to perform its duties in serving joint Islamic information action.
4. **Requests** the Information Department at the OIC General Secretariat to communicate with all Member States by electronic mail so that documents and the activities of the Secretary General are received as fast as possible, in addition to sending the documents by the diplomatic channel used currently.
5. **Requests** the OIC Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th session of Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC).

Resolution No. 3/9-INF
on
Supporting the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and Finalizing the
Restructuring of the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU)

The Ninth Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs, convened in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 11 to 13 October 2010,

Proceeding from Resolution 4/8-INF on Supporting the International Islamic News Agency and finalizing the Restructuring of the Islamic Broadcasting Union, adopted by the Eighth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, 25-28 January 2009;

Proceeding from paragraph (B) of Resolution 1/35-INF on Finalizing the Restructuring of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU), adopted by the 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Prosperity and Development) held in Kampala, Uganda on 14-16 Jumada II 1429H (18-20 June 2008);

Proceeding also from Paragraph 170, under information items of the Final Communiqué of the 11th Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 6-7 Rabiulawwal 1429 (13-14 March 2008);

Recalling Resolution 2/34-INF on Implementing the Resolutions on Restructuring IINA and IBU, adopted by the 34th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Islamabad, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, from 28 to 30 Rabiulthani 1428H (15-17 May 2007);

Recalling also Resolution 1/8-INF (COMIAC) on Information Affairs, adopted by the Eighth Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 22-24 Shawwal 1427H (13-15 November 2006);

Recalling the resolutions of the Seventh Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 20-21 Shaaban 1427 H (13-14 September 2006), particularly paragraphs (4) and (5) on 'restructuring and developing the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and developing the Islamic States Broadcasting Organization (ISBO), while changing the latter to become the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU) to offer it new information fields and prospects to serve OIC Member States;

Referring to the outcome of the First Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) held on 27 February 2007 in Riyadh, and the First Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU) held on 28 February 2007 in Riyadh;

Proceeding from the decision of the Third Extraordinary Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005 (Para 7) concerning the need to evaluate the current

situation of IINA and IBU and to examine ways and means to energize the role of information and its mechanisms in the OIC system;

Recalling also Resolution 13/31-P on the review and rationalization of the OIC agenda items and resolutions, adopted by the 31st Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey in June 2004;

Taking note of the appointment of a new director general for IINA who has taken charge of the management of the Agency and the supervision of the restructuring process in coordination with the General Secretariat of the Organization;

Taking note of the 24th Session of the Executive Board of IINA held on 14-15 January 2009 in Jeddah which recommends the adoption of the comprehensive study consisting of the organizational restructuring and financial and personnel rules and regulations prepared by the leading consultancy firm Price Waterhouse Coopers;

Commending of the recommendations of the Chairman of the Executive Board of IINA and the Secretary General of the OIC to waive the arrears of the mandatory contributions of Member States;

Taking note of the study presented by the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the report of the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU) to this conference;

Expressing thanks to the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) for accepting to finance the two studies on the restructuring of IINA and IBU;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, particularly the parts thereof relating to IINA and IBU;

1. **Takes notes** of the completion of the process of restructuring the International Islamic Broadcasting Agency (IINA) **and calls for** its implementation so that IINA may assume its rightful position in the joint Islamic action system. It also expresses its support for the Director General of IINA for his efforts to upgrade the Agency.
2. **Calls for** the finalization of the process of the restructuring of the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU).
3. **Hails** to the Member States which have settled their arrears and their mandatory contributions, especially those relating to the years 2009 and 2010, to both IINA and IBU.
4. **Invites** the Member States which have not yet paid their arrears and financial obligations to do so the soonest possible, to enable IINA and IBU to proceed with their work and finalize the restructuring process.
5. **Requests** the OIC Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th session of Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC).

Resolution No. 4/9-INF
on
Cooperation with the Global Digital Solidarity Fund (DSF)

The Ninth Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs, convened in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 11 to 13 October 2010,

Proceeding from Resolution 5/8-INF on Cooperation with the Global Digital Solidarity Fund (DSF), held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, 25-28 January 2009;

Proceeding from Resolution 2/35-INF on Supporting the Digital Solidarity Fund, adopted by the 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Prosperity and Development) held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda from 14 to 16 Jumada II 1429H (18-20 June 2008);

Recalling Resolution OIC/SUM-11/2008/INF(IS) adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 6 – 7 Rabiul Awwal 1429H (13 – 14 March 2008);

Proceeding from Resolution No. 1/8-INF (COMIAC) on Information Matters adopted by the 8th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 22 to 24 Shawwal 1427H (13-15 November 2006), particularly Paragraph (l) on the Digital Divide, which called on the Member States as well as the competent Information and Communication Technology (ICT) institutions and organizations and the private sector to contribute financially to the Digital Solidarity Fund;

Recalling Resolution No. 3/33-INF on the implementation and follow-up of the conclusions of Phase II of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) held in Tunisia in 2005, which was adopted by the 33rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, from 23 to 25 Jumada I 1427H (19-21 June 2006);

Recalling the resolutions of the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM) held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 20-21 Shaaban 1427H (13-14 September 2006), particularly Paragraph (f) on “the Digital Divide”, which called on the Member States as well as the competent ICT institutions and organizations and the private sector to contribute financially to the Digital Solidarity Fund (DSF) launched on 14 March 2005;

Proceeding from the provision adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005 (Paragraph 7), which called on the Member States to voluntarily support the Digital Solidarity Fund in order to allow the OIC to participate fully in the campaign to bridge the digital divide;

Referring to United Nations Resolution A/RES/60/1 adopted on 16 September 2005, which welcomed the establishment of the Digital Solidarity Fund and expressed the hope of the United Nations for voluntary contributions to be made for its financing;

Recalling also Resolution No. 13/31-POL on the Review and Rationalization of OIC Agenda Items and Resolutions adopted by the 31st Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, in June 2004;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on Information Matters submitted to this session, particularly the part relating to the Global Digital Solidarity Fund:

1. **Urges** the OIC Member States which have not yet done so to join the Global Digital Solidarity Fund at the earliest; contribute to its financing; apply the 1% principle in affirmation of digital solidarity; and encourage their public and private institutions at the national level to implement this principle.
2. **Calls on** the OIC Member States to extend exceptional voluntary financial contributions to the Global Digital Solidarity Fund, designed to finance community projects for digital solidarity in the Member States.
3. **Commends** the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the OIC General Secretariat and the Global Digital Solidarity Fund, and invites both parties to collaborate for the implementation of Resolution OIC/SUM/11/2008/INF (IS) adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit held in Dakar on 13-14 March 2008.
4. **Urges** the Global Digital Solidarity Fund and the OIC General Secretariat to launch a vast program for the provision of 500,000 computer sets for the least developed OIC Member States.
5. **Expresses** its rejection of the unilateral sanctions imposed on the Member States, especially as regards ICTs given the various dangers of these sanctions on communication and on the bridging of the digital gap, and **calls** for the cancellation of these sanctions.
6. **Requests** the OIC Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th session of Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC).

Resolution No. 5/9-INF
ON
SUPPORTING THE OIC MEMBER STATES COMPUTER EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM (OIC CERT) AN AFFILIATED INSTITUTION STATUS

The Ninth Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs, convened in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 11 to 13 October 2010;

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

Proceeding from Resolution no. 2/36-INF on Granting the OIC Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC CERT) an Affiliated Institution Status, adopted by the 36th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, on 23-25 May 2009;

Recalling the recommendations of the meeting of the OIC Member States Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC CERT) held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 14 and 15 January 2009, with the participation of experts from 16 Member States representing institutions specializing in information and network security in these countries, and the arrangements adopted to establish the team and produce a document on the terms of reference containing the objectives, administrative structure, activities and membership conditions;

Proceeding from Resolution No. 3/35-INF on Collaboration of Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) among the OIC Member States, adopted by the 35th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda on 18-20 June 2008;

Expressing its concern that these technologies and means can potentially be used for purposes that are inconsistent with the objectives of maintaining international security and stability in a way that may eventually affects the integrity of the infrastructure of Member States to the detriment of their security in both civil and military fields, such as cyber attacks, hacking threats, intrusion worms, viruses or fraud;

Realizing that the nature of the internet and cyberspace are not restricted to the physical boundary of a country, hence the need to establish cross-border collaborations to share information and initiatives to counter cyber threats;

Reiterating the importance of establishing and safeguarding peace, security and stability in the Muslim world and of providing an environment of mutual confidence, cooperation and solidarity among the Islamic countries;

Guided by Resolution 13/31-POL on the Rationalization of Agenda Items and Resolutions of Islamic Conferences, adopted by the 31st Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, in June 2004;

Having considered the report of the OIC Secretary General submitted to this session;

1. **Takes note** of the granting of the status of OIC affiliated institution to the OIC Computer Emergency Response Team.
2. **Expresses** its thanks to the OIC Computer Emergency Response Team for commencing its activities in Member States including holding two workshops in Cairo (8-10 June 2010) and Rabat (24-25 June 2010) which led more Member States to have the desire to join the Team.
3. **Encourages** Member States to take the necessary measures to encourage their national Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) to collaborate with the OICCERT, which now enjoys the status of OIC affiliated institution, in a such a way as to establish a grouping dedicated to providing support and respond to computer security incidents.
4. **Calls on** other Member States which have not yet joined the OIC Computer Emergency Response Team to do so and to extend the necessary support to it so that it may continue its activities aimed at ensuring security and cooperation in the area of information technology which has now become a key factor in realizing development and stability.
5. **Requests** the OIC Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th session of Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC).

Resolution No. 6/9-INF
ON
ISLAMIC INFORMATION AND THE CAUSE OF
AL-QUDS AL-SHARIF AND PALESTINE

The Ninth Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs, convened in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 11 to 13 October 2010;

Proceeding from Resolution 7/8-INF on Islamic Information and the Cause of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine, adopted by the Eighth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, 25-28 January 2009;

Proceeding from the principles and objectives of the OIC Charter and from the Islamic resolutions stressing the importance of continuing to provide appropriate coverage of the cause of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the issue of Palestine in the Arab and Islamic media;

Affirming the resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) on the Cause of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Palestine and the Occupied Arab Territories, including the occupied Syrian Golan and the Lebanese Shebaa Farms;

Mindful of the need to ensure adequate media coverage of the living conditions and suffering of Palestinian people in light of the persisting Israeli occupation and its escalating aggression against them, and to highlight the Israeli violations in the City of Al-Quds and the attempts to Judaize the Holy city;

Expressing its appreciation for the media coverage provided by the media in the Member States during the Israeli assault on Gaza; and the need for more media focus on the human rights violations and war crimes committed by Israel during its aggression to show the world the reality of these violations and crimes;

Taking into account the need to support the organs and bodies of the Palestinian Authority in all fields, particularly in the field of information and communication;

Reaffirming that information and communication organs constitute one of the most efficient tools used by governments and institutions to express their positions and their political, national and cultural identity:

1. **Launches** an urgent appeal to Member States to assist the Palestinian National Authority to support and develop the capacity – offices, facilities and equipment- of the Palestinian Radio and Television Corporation and to exchange programmes and expertise with it in this domain.
2. **While it commends** the steadfastness of the Palestinian people, calls the Member States and their media to continue to provide maximum media coverage of the suffering of the Palestinian people as a result of the Israeli aggression, to highlight the human rights violations and war crimes committed by Israel during the

- aggression and to show the whole world the reality and scale of the Israeli violations and its attendant humanitarian disaster.
3. **Requests** the Member States to allocate a space in their media to highlight the aggression against the sanctities in Al Quds and the Israeli practices aimed at judaizing the Holy City.
 4. **Mandates** the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, in coordination with Al Quds Committee and the Palestinian Ministry of Information to organize as soon as possible a symposium on Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the aggressions against the Blessed Al Aqsa Mosque and all other sanctities.
 5. **Calls Upon** the media in the Member States to intensify the production and exchange of media programmes with the Palestinian media organizations, to utilize the media effectively in presenting the information materials available on the Israeli aggressions, to address the world public opinion, to project the real image of the Palestinian question and the suffering of the Palestinian people, and to correct the image projected by the Israeli information machine.
 6. **Requests** the OIC Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 10th session of Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC).
