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RESOLUTION No. 1/41-INF
ON
SUPPORTING THE OIC BROADCASTING REGULATORY AUTHORITIES
FORUM (IBRAF)

The Forty-first Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (*Session of exploring areas of Islamic Cooperation*), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 20 - 21 Shaban 1435H (18-19 June 2014),

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,

Referring to Resolution No. 1/39 – INF adopted by the Thirty-ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (*Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development*), held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 1-3 Muharram 1434H (15-17 November 2012) on ratification of resolutions of the ninth session of Islamic Conference of Information Ministers,

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;

Realizing that the establishment of cross-border collaborations to share information and experience in order to enhance the cooperation in the field of broadcasting regulation would be beneficial for broadcasting regulatory authorities and/or institutions with similar functions and responsibilities in OIC Member States;

Recalling the decisions adopted at the 9th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar on 10-13 October 2010;

Recalling the adoption of the Joint Declaration of the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) at the first launching meeting held on 17 November 2011 in Istanbul;

Lauding the outcomes of the 3rd annual meeting of IBRAF held in Marrakech, Kingdom of Morocco on 19 and 20 December 2013 and the report of that meeting,

Having considered Resolution No. 11/9 –INF on the establishment of the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) adopted by the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in Libreville, Gabon on 19 – 20 April 2012,

Having adopted the Charter of the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (OIC/IBRAF-2/2012/Charter) at the second annual meeting held on 2-3 October 2012 in Jeddah,

Encouraging the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) to create dialogue and cooperation among existing broadcasting regulatory authorities and/or institutions with similar functions and responsibilities in OIC Member States,

Welcoming the appointment of Dr. Hamit Ersoy as the first Executive Secretary of IBRAF,

Reaffirming that the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation will be the guiding document of the Forum,

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

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

1. Commends the resolution of the 40th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers to grant the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) an affiliated institution status, and calls on it to present the plan of action for meeting its objectives to enable it embark on activities aimed at exchanging information, views and expertise on common issues relating to audio-visual media.

2. 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.

3. Requests the OIC Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 42nd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/41-INF

ON

COMPLETING THE PROCESS OF LAUNCHING OF OIC SATELLITE CHANNEL

The Forty-first Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (*Session of Exploring Areas of Islamic Cooperation*), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 20 - 21 Shaban 1435H (18-19 June 2014),

Referring to Resolution No. 2/40 – 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 launching of the OIC Satellite Channel,

Referring to Resolution No. 1/39 – INF adopted by the Thirty-ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (*Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development*), held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 1-3 Muharram 1434H (15-17 November 2012) on ratification of resolutions of the ninth session of Islamic Conference of Information Ministers,

Giving expression to the spirit of the resolutions adopted by the previous Islamic Summits, in particular the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah, the Dakar Summit, the Council of Foreign Ministers and Islamic Conference of Information Ministers,

Taking into consideration the importance of the prominent role of the media, particularly visual media in the age of globalization,

In response to the repeated requests made to the OIC General Secretariat by religious institutions, the private sector and civil society in Member States,

Taking into account the demand by the participants in the constituent meeting of the Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum, held in Istanbul on 17 and 18 November 2011, who called on the General Secretariat to consider seriously launching an international Islamic satellite channel under the umbrella of the OIC to defend the interests of OIC Member States in the context of Islamic solidarity, pay attention to the issues of the Muslim world, promote Member States' links and project the rich capabilities of Member States in these areas with a view to attracting investments to them,

Realizing, in the age of globalization, the urgent need for and the crucial importance of a media satellite television channel by the name of OIC under the umbrella of the OIC which would be concerned with Muslim world's issues and defend its interests as an expression of the principles of Islamic solidarity and the key role this channel can play in correcting the image of Islam, in particular with the availability of a private sector that can finance the launching and running of this channel,

1. **Reiterates** its support to the resolution adopted by the 39th which approved the project of launching an OIC Satellite Channel under the umbrella of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation already approved in principle by information ministers in their 9th Session held in Libreville, Republic of Gabon, on 19-20 April 2012.

2. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat which invited its member states to an open-ended meeting held at the headquarters of the OIC General Secretariat on 23-24 February 2012, which discussed all aspects of the project and took note of the candidature of Egypt, Qatar, Jordan and Turkey to host the headquarters of the OIC Channel, while leaving the issue of the choice of the location of the headquarters to the private sector which will invest in the channel. **Takes note** also of the constitution of a special committee to follow up the finalization of the launching of the OIC Satellite Channel composed of Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Gabon, Palestine, Qatar, Egypt, Mauritania and the OIC General Secretariat.
3. **Calls on** the special committee following up the completion of the process of launching the said OIC Satellite Channel to convene at the earliest opportunity to conclude consideration of the channel's launching process.
4. **Requests** the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 42nd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 3/41-INF

ON

AREAS OF COOPERATION WITH THE OIC MEDIA FORUM (OMF)

The Forty-first Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (*Session of Exploring Areas of Islamic Cooperation*) held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 20-21 Shaban 1435H (18-19 June 2014),

Recalling Resolution No.3/40-INF on “The OIC Media Forum (OMF)” adopted by the Fortieth Session of the Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, on 6-8 Safar 1435H / 9-11 December 2013, which granted the OMF with the status of institution affiliated to the OIC.

Recalling the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), particularly those calling for universal human rights and dialogue among civilizations, which provide the basic grounds for the cooperation among the media members and institutions of the OIC countries and their counterparts worldwide;

Realizing that the cooperation among the OIC Member States and OMF would be beneficial for uniting international media organizations and government agencies from the member states of the OIC, operating in the OIC region and media organization;

Encouraging the OMF to promote equality of access to reliable public information worldwide and provide the highest standards of journalism that emphasize accuracy, balance, fairness and accountability;

Encouraging the OMF to strengthen media with the purpose of reaching the goals of the right to know, right to access to information and freedom of expression by respecting human dignity and human rights in accordance with the Paragraph 12 of Article 1 of the OIC Charter;

Supporting the OMF to become a focal point and to ensure greater exchange of news and information among media members in the OIC countries as well as around the world;

Reiterating the importance to promote cooperation among the member states in areas concerning media;

1. **Urges** the OIC Members States that have not become members of the OMF to sign the OMF Statue and become members of the OMF.
2. **Invites** the OIC Member States to take the necessary measures, to encourage their national media institutions to collaborate with the OIC Media Forum (OMF), as a platform dedicated to promoting equality of access to reliable public information worldwide and providing the highest standards of journalism as well as becoming a focal point and ensuring greater exchange of news and information and among media members around the world.

3. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States to cooperate with the OMF to develop a network of high profile personalities who are strongly committed to portray a moderate image of Islam.
4. **Invites** the OIC Member States to cooperate with the OMF to build a network of editors and decision-makers in media to sensitize them about OIC related activities, as well as for them to raise OIC's profile through their media interventions.
5. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 42nd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and the 10th Council of Information Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 4/41-INF
ON
EXTERNAL MEDIA ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THE MECHANISMS FOR
CORRECTING THE IMAGE OF ISLAM AND MUSLIMS IN EUROPE AND
NORTH AMERICA

The Forty-first Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (*Session of Exploring Areas of Islamic Cooperation*), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 20 - 21 Shaban 1435H (18-19 June 2014),

Referring to Resolution No. 4/40 – 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 external media action to implement the mechanisms for correcting the image of Islam and Muslims un Europe and North America,

Recalling Resolution 1/39-INF on Endorsement of the Resolutions issued by the 9th ICIM, adopted by the 39th CFM (*Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development*) held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 1-3 Muharram 1434 H. (15-17 November 2012),

Recalling Resolution 1/38-INF on Information Affairs, in particular the aspect concerning interaction with external media, adopted by 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (*Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development*), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 28 – 30 June 2011,

Recalling Resolution 1/37-INF on Information Affairs, in particular the aspect concerning interaction with external media adopted 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 from 18 – 20 May 2010,

Recalling Resolution 1/8-INF on Interaction with External Media, adopted by the 8th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on 27 and 28 January 2009,

Recalling on Resolution 1/35-INF (section c) 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 from 14 – 16 Jumadal Thani 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),

Referring to Resolution 1/8-INF on Interaction with External Media adopted by the 8th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on 27 and 28 January 2009 and Resolutions of the 7th session of the ICIM held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 20 and 21 Shaaban 1427H (13 and 14 September 2006), in particular paragraph (I) on Interaction with External Media,

Recalling 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 world developments,

Having considered the OIC Secretary-General's report submitted to the Conference, 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. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat on interaction with external media.
2. **Calls** for providing financial means to fund projects on direct interaction with foreign media, which could provide financial support to the above-mentioned waqf. The establishment of the fund is a dire necessity for the actual commencement of interaction with external media for the benefit of the Muslim world;
3. **Supports** the media campaign being supervised by the OIC General Secretariat in Europe and the United States in order to contribute to correcting the image of Islam and Muslims;
4. **Calls upon** the OIC Ambassadorial groups, particularly in the outside world to pay attention to media action and interaction with foreign media in support of Islamic causes;
5. **Requests** the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 42nd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/41-INF
ON
THE SPECIAL MEDIA PROGRAMME
HIGHLIGHTING AFRICA'S POSITION AND ROLE IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

The Forty-first Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (*Session of Exploring Areas of Islamic Cooperation*), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 20 - 21 Shaban 1435H (18-19 June 2014),

Referring to Resolution No. 5/40 – 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) Special Media Programme Highlighting Africa's Position and Role in the Muslim World,

Recalling Resolution 1/39-INF on Endorsement of the Resolutions issued by the 9th ICIM, adopted by the 39th CFM (*Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development*) held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 1-3 Muharram 1434 H. (15-17 November 2012) on approval of the resolutions of the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers,

Aware of the potential and capabilities of African countries members of the OIC in all sectors and the need for their promotion and highlighting in the media to raise awareness thereof through a special media programme,

Recalling Resolution 1/33-INF (Section 1) on the role of information and communication in advancing the just Islamic causes and projecting its tolerant image, adopted by the 33rd session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan from 19 – 21 June 2006,

Recalling 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 world developments,

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

- 1. Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat for endeavoring to implement the Special Media Programme Highlighting Africa's Position and Role in the Muslim World, including the organization of an open-ended experts meeting on the implementation Special Media Programme on 25-26 February 2013 at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah and the important ensuing recommendations;

2. **Renews** its call for the projection of the capacities and role the African Member States of OIC can play in promoting Islamic solidarity through a dedicated media programme in Africa which would highlight the continent's position in the Muslim world; and calls on interested member states to undertake the projects included in the media programme of some of them, and in this regard:
- a. Welcomes the decision of the Kingdom of Morocco to host the media forum which would target mass media to discuss investment opportunities and shed light on the huge and latent potentials in order to contribute to improving Africa's image in the media and eliminate negative stereotypes that present Africa as a poor and unstable region. An exhibition as well as a documentary film, folkloric and cultural presentations should be held on the sidelines of the forum to project Africa's capabilities;
 - b. African Member States in the OIC should supervise financing the preparation of a 10 to 15-minute documentary film in the 3 accredited languages of the OIC (Arabic, English and French) on investment potential and opportunities in the African states concerned. The Department of Information in the OIC General Secretariat should circulate the documentary film to all member states to be shown on their television stations;
 - c. African Member States in the OIC should provide the Department of Information in the OIC General Secretariat with press materials, statistics, data, live pictures and television materials to prepare visual, audio and print media files in the 3 accredited languages of the OIC (Arabic, English and French) on investment opportunities in Africa and how to benefit from them;
 - d. Calls on Member States to give media spotlight on the Dakar – Port Sudan Railway Line Projects and highlight the investment importance of implementing this historic project;
 - e. The Department of Information in the OIC General Secretariat should choose journalists from a number of Member States and send them on field trips to some African countries, accompanied by delegates of the Department of Information, in order to have a first hand look and engage with officials there, hold meetings, conduct specialized investigative journalism and promote them in mass media worldwide;
 - f. Conduct media dissemination of statistics 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 include them in press reports to be sent to various mass media using the Department's database;
3. **Requests** the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 42nd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
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RESOLUTION 6/41-INF
ON
PROMOTING MEDIA VISIBILITY OF THE ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC
COOPERATION IN PIONEERING CULTURAL EXCHANGE, DEVELOPMENT
AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE ISSUES

The Forty-first Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (*Session of Exploring Areas of Islamic Cooperation*), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 20 - 21 Shaban 1435H (18-19 June 2014),

Recalling Resolution No. 2/8-INF on activating the information and communication sector in the OIC, adopted by the 8th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on 27 and 28 January 2009,

Recalling Resolution No. 1/38-INF on Information Affairs, in particular those relating to interaction with external media, adopted by the thirty-eighth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (session of Peace, Cooperation and Development) held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 28 – 30 June 2011,

Commending the approaches and measures proposed by the Secretary General on the need to inject new momentum to activating the media and communication sector and intensify media activities to highlight the activities of the OIC in the mass media of Member States,

1. Calls for promoting media visibility of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation in pioneering cultural exchange, development and intercultural dialogue through various media including:
 - a) Participating in various media fora and conferences on intercultural dialogue, environment and peace;
 - b) Establishing on the role of the media in promoting dialogue and cultural exchange and highlighting the role of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, 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 42nd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION 7/41-INF
ON
BOOSTING THE CAPACITY AND PRODUCTIVITY OF JOURNALISTS AND
MEDIA INSTITUTIONS IN MEMBER STATES AND FOR COOPERATION
AMONGST THEM

The Forty-first Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (*Session of Exploring Areas of Islamic Cooperation*), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 20 - 21 Shaban 1435H (18-19 June 2014),

Recalling Resolution No. 2/8-INF on activating the information and communication sector in the OIC, adopted by the 8th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on 27 and 28 January 2009,

Recalling Resolution 4/9-INF on Coordination in the Information Field in the Framework of the OIC in Order to Give a Comprehensive Picture of Joint Islamic Action, adopted by the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers and endorsed by the 39th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (*Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development*) held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 1-3 Muharram 1434 H. (15-17 November 2012),

Commending the approaches and measures proposed by the Secretary General on the need to inject new momentum to activating the media and communication sector and intensify media activities to highlight the activities of the OIC in the mass media of Member States,

Proceeding from the benefit desired from establishing partnerships between media institutions and the General Secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation,

1. **Calls** for the need for boosting the capacity and productivity of journalists and media institutions in Member States and for cooperation amongst them through various media means including:
 - a) Providing training programmes to media practitioners in the Member States of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation on issues relating to human rights, women issues, poverty, education and other issues.
 - b) Exchanging professional visits between media sector practitioners in the OIC and media sector practitioners in Member States in order to raise awareness and forge professional communication among them.
 - c) Joint production of television programmes and documentaries on several social and developmental issues in Member States.
2. **Requests** the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 42nd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers
