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**RESOLUTION No. 1/37-INF  
ON  
INFORMATION AFFAIRS**

*The Thirty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Doushambe Republic of Tajikistan , from 18 to20 May, 2010);*

**Proceeding** from Resolution No. 1/36-INF on Ratification Of The Resolutions Of The Eighth Session Of Islamic Conference Of Information Minister by the Thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic from 23 to 25 May, 2009);

**Proceeding** also from paragraphs No. 170 and 171 under the information item in the Final Communiqué of the Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Muslim Ummah in the Twenty-first Century) , held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 6-7 Rabie Awwal 1429 H (13-14 March 2008);

**Recalling** Resolution No. 1/8 (COMIAC) on Information issues adopted by The Eighth Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs, held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 22 to 24 Shawal 1427H (13-15 November2006

**Proceeding** from the resolutions issued by the Seventh Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 22 to 24 Shawal 1427 H (13-15 November 2006), particularly on: i) Interaction with the external media; (ii) Code of Ethics: (iv) The International Islamic News Agency (IINA); (v) Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU): (vi) Bridging the Digital divide.

**Recalling also** Resolution No. 1/33-Inf on The Role Of Information And Communication In Promoting The Just Causes And Image Of Islam and no. 2/33 on the Activities of the Specialized Information Institutions (IINA & ISBO) and no. 3/33 On The Implementation and Follow-Up of the Conclusions of the Second Stage of The World Summit on the Information, Society held in Tunisia in 2005, adopted by the Thirty-third Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Harmony of Rights, Freedoms and Justice), held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan from 23 to 25 Jumada Awal, 1427H (19-21 June 2006)

**Recalling further** Resolution 2/34 on Implementing the two resolutions on Restructuring the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU) and Resolution 1/34 On Creating The National Secretariat of The OIC Standing Committee For Information And Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), adopted by the Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, from 28 to 30 Rabiul Thani 1428H (15-17 May 2007);

**Referring** to the results of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the IINA Board of Directors held on 27/2/2007 in Riyadh, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of IBO Board of Directors held on 28/2/2007 in Riyadh,

**Referring** also to Paragraph VII. of the Program of Action adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005, on Cultural and Information Exchange among Member States;

**Commending** the orientations and measures proposed by the Secretary-General to reenergize the information and communication sector with the purpose of intensifying the information activities to spotlight the Organization's activities in Member States' media;

**Recalling** also Resolution 13/31-Pol on the Review And Rationalization Of OIC Agenda Items And Its Resolutions adopted by the Thirty-first Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, from 26 to 28 Rabiul Thani, 1425H (14-16 June 2004),

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on Information Affairs to the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers

**Decides** the following:

(a) **On Energizing the Information and Communication Sector in the Organization:**

1. **Commends** 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

2. **Calls upon** the information and communication outlets in the Member States to shed light on 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 bodies in the Member States.

**(b) With regard to supporting the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU):**

1. **Takes note** of The restructuring of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU) approved by the 8th Session of The Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Rabat – Kingdom of Morocco 25-28 January, 2009, **and calls** for the implementation of the restructuring process of IINA and completion of the restructuring process of ISBU. It also **invites** OIC Member States, particularly those which have not fulfilled their dues to IINA and IBU, to extend all forms of support to them, including the annual fees on regular basis and the arrears.

**(c) On Interaction with External Media:**

1. **Takes note** of the establishment of a supervisory ministerial sub-committee to develop a comprehensive 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. **Also takes note** of the decision taken by the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers to establish a committee to be composed of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Malaysia, Republic of Senegal, Syrian Arab Republic and the Kingdom of Morocco.

2. **Calls on** the OIC General Secretariat to call for a meeting of experts from the countries members of the above-mentioned Committee in order to develop a comprehensive action plan.in order to submit a report on this matter to the forthcoming session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

**(d) On Preparing a Code of Conduct for the Media in OIC Member States:**

1. **Notes** that the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference has prepared a code of conduct which has been circulated to the Member States for improvement in order to serve after its adoption as a guiding document to realize diversity and multiplicity in the Member States and preserve the Muslim Ummah's values and interests in accordance with the resolution adopted by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers;

2. **Calls on** Member States to present their views on the code in order to finalize it through the prevailing ways and procedures.

(e) **On Supporting the National Secretariat Of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC)**

1. **Welcomes** the announcement of the Republic of Senegal to create a National Permanent Secretariat in Dakar in order to follow up the activities and resolutions of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC). **It calls** for promoting joint Islamic action by developing appropriate mechanisms for coordination in the information and cultural fields among the OIC Member States so as to build the capacities of the Muslim Ummah to keep abreast with modern advances and meet the challenges facing it.

2. **Expresses** its thanks to H.E. President Abdoulaye Wade, of the Republic of Senegal, and Chairman of COMIAC, for announcing the establishment of the said Secretariat.

3. **Requests** OIC Member States, relevant Subsidiary Organs , Specialized and Affiliated Institutions, to extend the necessary moral and material support to this Secretariat, and to provide it with all necessary requirements and tools to enable it to carry out its work appropriately.

(f) **Celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Organization of the Islamic Conference**

1. **Commends** the celebration Program prepared by the OIC General Secretariat to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the OIC in the year of 2009 a manner commensurate with OIC and its status at the international arena. **It calls** on media in Member States to allocate more space for appropriate coverage of this important event.

2. **Invites** media in Member States to mark the OIC Day annually and to provide the General Secretariat with information material relating to the OIC.

3. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION No. 2 /37-INF**  
**ON**  
**SUPPORTING THE DIGITAL SOLIDARITY FUND**

*The Thirty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Dushanbe Republic of Tajikistan , from 18 to 20 May, 2010);*

**Proceeding** from Resolution 2/35-INF on Supporting the Digital Solidarity Fund, adopted by the 35<sup>th</sup> 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 No. OIC/SUM-11/2008/INF/RES/FINAL adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 6 to 7 Rabiul Awwal 1429H (13 – 14 March 2008);

**Recalling** Resolution No. 1/8-INF (COMIAC) on Information Matters adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 (1) 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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), which was launched on 14 March 2005;

**Proceeding** from the provision adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Mecca 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 toward 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 Affairs submitted to the Conference, particularly the part relating to the Digital Solidarity Fund:

1. **Urges** the OIC Member States which have not yet done so to join the 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. **Commends** the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the OIC General Secretariat and the global Digital Solidarity Fund, and invites them to collaborate closely for the implementation of Resolution No. OIC/SUM-11/2008/INF/RES/FINAL adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Dakar on 13-14 March 2008.

3. **Encourages** the Digital Solidarity World 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.

4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION No. 3 /37-INF**

**ON**

**SUPPORTING THE COMPUTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM  
(OICCERT) OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE**

*The Thirty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Dushanbe Republic of Tajikistan, from 18 to 20 May, 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 Islamic countries and strengthening capacities to protect their security, sovereignty, independence and national rights;

**Proceeding from** resolution no. 2 /36-INF on Granting the Computer Emergency Response Team (OICCERT) an Affiliated Institution Status, adopted by the Thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (For Enhancing Islamic Solidarity), held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic (23 -25 May, 2009);

**Recalling** the recommendations of the meeting of the OIC Member States Computer Emergency Response Team (OICCERT) 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;

**Recalling** Resolution No. 3/35-INF on Collaboration of Computer Emergency Response Team (OICCERT) among the OIC Member States, adopted by the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda from 18 to 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 stability and security and may adversely affect the integrity of the infrastructure of Member States to the detriment of their security in both civil and military fields, such as cyber attacks, hack 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 filled with mutual confidence, cooperation and solidarity among the Islamic countries;

**Guide by** Resolution no. 13/31-POL on the Review And Rationalization of OIC Agenda Items And Its Resolutions adopted by the Thirty-first 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 the Conference:

**1. Encourages** all Member States to take the necessary measures, to urge their national Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) to collaborate with the OICCERT which is now an OIC Affiliated institution in order to establish a grouping dedicated to providing support and responding to computer security incidents.

**2. Invites** those Member States which are yet to join the OICCERT, to do so and to extend the necessary support to it in order to enable it to continue its activities aimed at realizing security and cooperation in the area of IT which has become a crucial factor in achieving development and stability.

**3. Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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