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**RESOLUTIONS**  
**ON INFORMATION AFFAIRS**

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**RESOLUTION No. 1/34-INF**  
**ON**  
**CREATING THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT**  
**OF THE OIC STANDING COMMITTEE FOR**  
**INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (COMIAC)**

The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), (Session of Peace, progress and Harmony), meeting in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, from 28 to 30 Rabiul Thani 1428H (15-17 May 2007);

**Recalling** the pertinent resolutions on information and cultural affairs adopted by Islamic Summit and other Conferences, particularly the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Mecca Al-Mukarramah, and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM);

**Recalling** Resolution No. 1/8-INF (COMIAC) *on Information Matters* adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 22 to 24 Shawwal 1427H (13-15 November 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);

**Recalling also** Resolution No. 13/31-POL *on the Review and Rationalization of OIC Agenda Items and Resolutions* adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM);

1. **Welcomes** the decision 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) and promote joint Islamic action by developing appropriate mechanisms 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 appreciation** to H.E. Maitre Abdulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal and Chairman of COMIAC, for creating this Permanent Secretariat.
3. **Calls on** the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) to lend their moral and material support to this Secretariat and to provide it with all necessary requirements and resources to enable it to start its work.
4. **Requests** the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

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**RESOLUTION No. 2/34-INF**  
**ON**  
**IMPLEMENTING THE TWO**  
**RESOLUTIONS ON RESTRUCTURING**  
**THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC NEWS AGENCY (IINA)**  
**AND THE ISLAMIC BROADCASTING UNION (ISBU)**

The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), meeting in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, from 28 to 30 Rabiul Thani 1428H (15-17 May 2007);

**Recalling** Resolution No. 1/8-INF (COMIAC) *on Information Matters* adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 22 to 24 Shawwal 1427H (13-15 November 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 Paras. 4 and 5 on *Restructuring and Developing* the International Islamic News Agency (IINA), *Developing* the Islamic States Broadcasting Organization (ISBO), *and transforming it into* the Islamic Broadcasting Union (ISBU) in order to open further new information fields and horizons to serve the OIC Member States;

**Recalling** the Results of the First Meeting of IINA's Board of Directors held on 27 February 2007 in Riyadh and the First Meeting of ISBU's Board of Directors held on 28 February 2007 in Riyadh;

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

1. **Takes note of** the formation of IINA's new Board of Directors as well as ISBU's new Board of Directors in implementation of the two relevant resolutions of the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM) and **takes note also of** the convening of the first meetings of these two respective Boards of Directors to consider modalities and mechanisms to ensure the restructuring and development of IINA and ISBU.

2. **Hails** the efforts made by the Chairmanship of IINA's and ISBU's respective Boards of Directors, by the OIC General Secretariat, and by the Member States represented in the two Boards of Directors; **calls for** the completion of the restructuring and development process; and **calls on** the OIC Member States to lend all forms of support to IINA and ISBU.
3. **Commends** the approval granted by the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to financing the two studies on restructuring the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the Islamic Broadcasting Union (ISBU).
4. **Requests** the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

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**RESOLUTION No. 3/34-INF**  
**ON**  
 ENDORSING THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON  
 INFORMATION MATTERS BY THE 7<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE ISLAMIC  
 CONFERENCE OF INFORMATION MINISTERS (ICIM)  
 AND THE 8<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE OIC STANDING COMMITTEE FOR  
 INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (COMIAC)

The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), meeting in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, from 28 to 30 Rabiul Thani 1428H (15-17 May 2007);

**Recalling** Resolution No. 1/8-INF (COMIAC) *on Information Matters* adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 22 to 24 Shawwal 1427H (13-15 November 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);

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

1. **Takes note of** the resolutions adopted by the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM) held in Jeddah as well as the resolution *on Information Matters* adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar.
2. **Decides** to support these resolutions and **calls for** implementing them in line with the new methodology of joint Islamic action.
3. **Requests** the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

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**RESOLUTION No. 4/34-INF**  
**ON**  
**THE ROLE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION**  
**IN THE PROMOTING THE JUST**  
**CAUSES AND TOLERANT IMAGE OF ISLAM**

The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), meeting in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, from 28 to 30 Rabiul Thani 1428H (15-17 May 2007);

**Based on** the special paragraph on Information in *the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action to Face the Challenges of the Muslim Ummah in the Twenty-first Century*, which was adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Mecca Al-Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005;

**Recalling** Resolution No. 1/33-INF adopted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, in June 2004;

**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 Para. 1 on *Interaction with the external media*;

**Hailing once again** the directions and measures proposed by the Secretary-General on the need to revitalize and reinvigorate the information and communication sector so as to intensify information activities with a view to countering anti-Muslim and Islamophobic smear campaigns in the different Western media;

**Recalling also** Resolution No. 13/31-POL *on the Review and Rationalization of OIC Agenda Items and Resolutions* adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM);

1. **Commends** the efforts of the Secretary-General to promote the true image and tolerance of Islam through his activities and visits to all countries as well his work to voice the deep concerns of the OIC Member States over the smear campaigns waged by some media and information outlets in order to tarnish the good name of Islam and Muslims, thereby fuelling and exacerbating the phenomenon of Islamophobia around the world.



2. **Warns of** the dangers of such smear campaigns and hostile propaganda inimical to Islam and Muslims, which foment Islamophobia in all its forms and thus induce blatant discrimination against Muslim communities or citizens of the OIC Member States.
3. **Requests** the Secretary-General to redouble his efforts and organize appropriate programmes and activities in order to pursue the project to promote the positive and tolerant image of Islam and refute any aspersions against the reputation of Islam and Muslims.
4. **Requests** the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

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