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Resolution No. 1/8-INF on Interaction with External Media

The Eighth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 25-28 January, 2009;

Building on Section (C) of Resolution 1/35-INF 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) regarding interaction with external media;

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;

Building on the decision 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 the Conference, 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. *Calls upon* 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, 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 a comprehensive action plan – utilizing the services of a team of specialized experts – 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.
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 supervisory ministerial committee to propose practicable ways to implement this proposal.
3. *Calls upon* the OIC Ambassadorial groups to give interest to information action and coordinate their moves in this regard.
4. *Endeavors* 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 Islamic communities in non-OIC Member States.

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to follow *up* the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 9th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution N. 2/8-INF on Energizing the Information and Communication Sector in the Organization

The Eighth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 25-28 January, 2009;

Building on Section (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, 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;

Building on 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 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 Resolution 13/31-Pol on 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 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. *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.
2. *Requests* the OIC General Secretariat to take all appropriate measures and mechanisms to highlight the programmes and activities of the Organization as part of the common action to project the tolerant image of Islam, and open information coordination offices in some States, provided the relevant proposal is submitted to the Council of Foreign Affairs for adoption.

3. *Takes note* of the appointment of young and competent officers at the OIC Information Department, and calls for support for this Department with the financial means and technical equipment such as to enable it to perform its duties in serving joint Islamic information action.
4. *Requests* the Information Department at the General Secretariat of the OIC to communicate with all the 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 method used currently.
5. *Requests* the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

**Resolution N. 3/8-INF on
Code of Conduct for the Media in OIC Member States**

The Eighth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 25-28 January, 2009;

Building on Section (D) of Resolution 1/35-INF on preparing a Code of Conduct for the Media in OIC Member States, 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);

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 the resolutions of the 7th 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 2 concerning the preparation of a code of conduct to serve as a guide for Islamic States' media such as to achieve diversity and multiplicity in these States and preserve the values and interests of the Islamic Ummah;

Building on the decision of the Third Extraordinary Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005 (Para 7) concerning the need to call upon the media in the Member States, including space channels, to agree on a code of ethics;

Recalling Resolution 13/31-Pol on 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;

Noting that the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference has prepared a draft code of conduct to be circulated to the media in the Member States in order to serve 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 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers;

Expressing thanks to the Member States of the Organization that have contributed their proposals and views on the draft code of conduct in order to enhance and enrich it;

Having considered the OIC Secretary-General's report submitted to the Conference, particularly the paragraphs thereof relating to the Code of Conduct;

1. *Refers* the draft code of conduct prepared by the OIC General Secretariat to an open-ended working group with the assistance of a group of media specialists and legal experts for revision.
2. *Thanks* the Secretary General of the OIC for his invaluable efforts in preparing the draft code of conduct.
3. *Requests* the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

**Resolution N. 4/8-INF on
Finalizing the Restructuring of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA)
and the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU)**

The Eighth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 25-28 January, 2009;

Building on Section (B) of Resolution 1/35-INF on Finalizing the Restructuring of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the 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);

Building also on Paragraph 170, section on information, 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 ISBU, 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 7th 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 paragraphs 4 and 5 relating to the restructuring and development of the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the Islamic States Broadcasting Organization (ISBO), while turning the latter into the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU) with the purpose of opening new information fields and prospects for the benefit of the Member States of the Organization;

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;

Building on 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 ISBU and to examine ways and means to energize the role of information and its mechanisms in the OIC system;

Recalling Resolution 13/31-Pol on 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 supervision of the restructuring process in coordination with the General Secretariat of the Organization, and expressing thanks to the IDB for financing the study on restructuring the International Islamic News Agency (IINA);

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

Taking note 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 financing the two studies on the restructuring of IINA and ISBU;

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. Adopts:

- a.* The restructuring of the International Islamic Broadcasting Agency (IINA) conducted in light of the comprehensive study concerning the restructuring of the Agency and the financial and personnel rules and regulations which were prepared by the leading consultancy firm Price Waterhouse Coopers, the timeframe and financial requirements it determined to implement the restructuring process of IINA.
 - b.* The recommendations of the Chairman of the Executive Board of IINA and the Secretary General of OIC which request that the arrears of contributions till 31st December 2008 should be waived and calls on Member States to pay regularly their mandatory annual contributions starting 1st January 2009.
 - c.* The proposed budget of US\$ 3.75 million for 2009 financial year.
- 2. Approves* the new strategic plan of the IBU (vision-mission-objectives) in line with the three phases specified in the study (short term – medium term – long term).
 - 3. Approves* the new organizational chart of the IBU.
 - 4. Authorizes* the Executive Board of the IBU to take all decisions relating to the restructuring process in coordination with the OIC Secretary General.
 - 5. Decides* to reconstitute the Executive Board with less members (9-11 members) to be selected from among the most efficient and most contributing members.
 - 6. Adopts* the 2008 & 2009 budgets at the same ceiling of that of 2007 (1,023,466 US dollars) for the IBU.
 - 7. Requests* the OIC Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

Resolution N. 5/8-INF on Supporting the Digital Solidarity Fund

The Eighth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 25-28 January, 2009;

Proceeding from Resolution 2/35-INF on Supporting the Islamic 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);

Recalling 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 (I) 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), 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 Matters 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. *Calls on* the OIC Member States to extend exceptional voluntary financial contributions to the Global Digital Solidarity Fund, which is to be earmarked for the financing of community projects for digital solidarity amongst 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* them to collaborate closely 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. 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.
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the 9th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

**Resolution N. 6/8-INF on
Celebrating the Anniversary of the Organization of the Islamic Conference
(OIC Day)**

The Eighth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 25-28 January, 2009;

Recalling Resolution 4/34-INF on the Role of Information and Communication in Supporting the Islamic Solidarity Fund, adopted by the 34th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan from 28 to 30 Rabiulthani 1428H (15-17 May 2007), particularly paragraph 3 thereof;

In line with the new vision for modernizing and energizing the mechanisms of the information strategy and the information plan of OIC Member States to achieve the goals for which the Organization aspires consistent with the resolutions on Information Matters adopted by the 33rd Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan on 19-21 June 2006, and the recommendations of the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 7-8 December 2005, particularly the provisions of the Makkah Declaration and the Final Communiqué of the Extraordinary Summit;

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 role and counter the anti-Islamic and anti-Muslim propaganda in the various print and audiovisual media;

Proceeding from the Organization of the Islamic Conference's desire to give special impetus to this year's celebration of its 40th Anniversary on 25 September 2009, to recognize the efforts of the founders, inculcate the principles on which the Organization was founded, celebrate its current outstanding role at the international level, establish the tradition of annual commemoration of the OIC Day such as to keep in memory the occasion on which it was established, highlight and champion the causes of the Muslim Ummah and recognize the tireless efforts the Organization and the Member States have been making in this regard;

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;

Commending the OIC Secretary General's decision to make a special celebration of this 40th anniversary of the OIC on 25 September 2009:

1. *Entrusts* the OIC General Secretariat with preparing an integrated programme to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Organization, including the preparation of information materials on the Organization (flyers, publications, books, documentary films) and inviting the Member States and the institutions to provide the OIC General Secretariat's Information Department with copies of any print or audiovisual archive materials they might have on the organization or its events in the Member States in order to utilize them in preparing for the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Organization.
2. *Requests* that the OIC General Secretariat be provided with a database containing the names and addresses of accredited media and journalists in the Member States in order to facilitate communication between the Information Department and Member States' media.

3. *Invites* the Member States to mark the OIC Day on 25 September as the “Islamic Solidarity Day” by allocating an appropriate space in their print and audiovisual media, as well as by organizing media programmes and forums and information for a over the last week of September that highlight the leading role of the Organization in the various issues of the Islamic world and its efforts to consolidate solidarity and mutual synergy among the Member States of the Organization, while giving the commemoration of 25 September 2009 special importance as it coincides with the Fortieth Anniversary of the Organization.

**Resolution No. 7/8-INF on
Islamic Information and the Cause of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine**

The Eighth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 27-28 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 Palestine in the Arab and Islamic media;

Affirming the resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers 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 after the Israeli bombing of the information facilities and buildings and destruction of their equipment;

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, rebuild 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 Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip, to underscore its destructive effects, 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 Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the next session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

**Resolution No. 8/8-INF on
The inclusion in the Agenda and Work Programme of Sessions of
the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM)
of a constant item of scholarly dialogue on an issue of Joint Islamic Action**

The Eighth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 25-28 January, 2009;

Recalling item (c) of Resolution 1/35-INF on interaction with the external media adopted by the 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Progress and Development) held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda from 14-16 Jumada Thani 1429 (18-20 June, 2008);

Recalling the resolution of the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on 7-8 December, 2005 (paragraph 7) on the need to interact effectively with the external media to enable the Islamic world to present its perspective on developments in the international arena;

Recalling the proposal of the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia presented to the Eighth Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers on the inclusion of thorough scholarly dialogue in sessions of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers and from which proposals will be considered by the conference;

Recalling Resolution no. 13/31-POL on the Rationalization of the Draft Agenda 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;

1. *Decides* to include a constant item on scholarly dialogue on a particular issue of Joint Islamic Action in all sessions of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers;
2. The OIC General Secretariat shall coordinate with the chair of the session to determine a theme for discussion at each session, which shall be conveyed to the Member States;
3. The Member States shall provide the General Secretariat with papers containing specific ideas and proposals on the theme of the session;
4. The General Secretariat shall prepare a paper containing adoptable or implementable key ideas and proposals which shall be distributed at the next session for discussion;
5. *Adopts* the theme proposed by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: “Islamic Information and its Role in Consolidating Dialogue among Religions and Cultures within the Context of Correcting the Image of Islam” to be the subject of discussion over the course of the Eighth Session;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to *follow up* the implementation of this resolution and to *report* thereon to the 9th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.
