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RESOLUTION NO. 1/47-INF
ON
OIC MEMBER STATES' SUPPORT TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR
INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (COMIAC)

The Forty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020 (12-13 Rabi al Thani 1442H).

- **With reference to** Resolution 1/46-INF on OIC Member States' support to the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), adopted by the Council's 46th session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);
- **Proceeding from** Resolution 2/11-INF on "Supporting the information work of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) adopted at the 11th session of COMIAC (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018 (28-29 Sha'ban 1439 A.H.);
- **Recalling** resolution 1/45-INF on OIC Member States' support to the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), adopted by the Forty-fifth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 19 and 20 Shaaban 1439H (5 and 6 May 2018);
- **Taking note of** resolution 1/44-INF on "OIC Member States' support to COMIAC", issued by the CFM in its 44th session (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in World of Solidarity) held in Abidjan, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, on 10-11 July 2017 (16-17 Shawwal 1438H);
- **In a bid to** support COMIAC in discharging its duties of, inter alia, giving a new impetus to information and culture across the Muslim world, enabling it to introduce the international public opinion to Muslim world supreme causes, including the Palestinian and Al-Quds Al-Sharif cause, in addition to countering smear campaigns targeting Islam and Muslims, following up the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Conference in the areas of expertise of the COMIAC, exploring ways to boost cooperation among the Member States on information and culture, and preparing capacity-building programs and proposals in these two areas;
- **Pursuant** to Paragraph 184 of the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace), held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14-15 April 2016, which praised the Republic of Senegal's efforts to reinvigorate COMIAC and encouraged COMIAC to develop information programs and activities and increase media visibility for the OIC, in association with relevant OIC institutions and international partners;
- **Recalling** Resolution 3/10-INF on "the Role of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) in its Capacity as Coordinator of the Action of the OIC Information Organs", and Resolution 5/10-INF on "Reactivating the Standing Committee on

Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) and Supporting its Coordination Office”, adopted by the 10th session of the COMIAC held in Dakar on 28-29 April 2015;

- **Proceeding** from Resolution 3/10–INF on “Supporting the Work of Joint Islamic Media Action Institutions”, adopted by the 10th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014 (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Islamic World), which underscores, in Operative Paragraph 3, the need to support the work of all joint Islamic media action institutions, including COMIAC, to enhance synergy among them, improve their efficiency, contribute to their activities effectively, and benefit from the services they offer;
- **Having considered** the Secretary General’s report submitted to this session,
 1. **Expresses** appreciation to the Republic of Senegal for its efforts in support of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), including the appointment of the Director of COMIAC Coordination Office and the allocation of its premises in the capital city of Dakar, and **calls for** continued reinvigoration and promotion of the work of COMIAC.
 2. **Welcomes** the outcome of the 11th session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018; and **calls on** OIC Member States and relevant institutions to work for its implementation with a view to developing the work of this Standing Committee and supporting its Coordination Office.
 3. **Commends** COMIAC’s new dynamism to reinvigorate joint Islamic media action, and highly appreciates its convening of a media workshop on the OIC, in Dakar, Senegal, on 30 May 2016, which was attended by many of the OIC Member States’ Ambassadors in Dakar, along with media representatives, civil society activists and the OIC General Secretariat, who have contributed to increasing OIC’s visibility in the media in Senegal and Africa; and commends COMIAC’s participating in organizing a number of specialized media workshops in 2017 and 2018, in association with the OIC Information Department and ISESCO.
 4. **Commends** the initiative of COMIAC President to launch an international prize to reward outstanding media and media professionals in the field of promotion of peace, tolerance and intercultural harmony, and **highly appreciates** the convening on 10 April 2017 in Dakar of the first meeting of the ad hoc committee formed during the 11th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 19-21 December 2016 to study the conditions and modalities of the implementation of the prize; and **praises** the outcome of the second meeting of this committee held at the headquarters of the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA) in Jeddah on 30 October 2017 and the 3rd meeting of the Committee held in Dakar on 13 May 2018, which finalized the discussion on the criteria and procedures of the international award.
 5. **Renews the call on** all the Member States to show understanding of the critical financial situation of COMIAC, which requires them to continuously extend necessary support, including financial and in-kind support, and host joint projects and programs, proposed and submitted by the COMIAC Coordination Office to enable it to carry out its mandate in the fields of information and culture within the OIC.

- 6. Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 48th session.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/47-INF
ON
LAUNCH OF AN INTERNATIONAL MEDIA AWARD

The Forty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020 (12-13 Rabi al Thani 1442H).

- **With reference to** Resolution 2/46-INF on the “Establishment of the International Media Award”, adopted by the Council’s 46th session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);
- **Proceeding** from Resolution 3/11-INF on the “Launch of an International Media Award” adopted at the 11th session of COMIAC (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018 (28-29 Sha’ban 1439 A.H.);
- **Recalling** Resolution 2/45-INF on the “Launch of an International Media Award”, adopted by the Council’s 45th session (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People’s Republic of Bangladesh, on 19 and 20 Shaaban 1439 A.H. (5 and 6 May 2018);
- **Recalling** Resolution 2/44-INF on the “Launch of an International Media Award”, adopted by the Council’s 44th session held in Abidjan, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire, on 10-11 July 2017;
- **Welcoming** the commendable efforts of COMIAC Chair to revitalize the Committee;
- **In accordance** with the outcomes of the 10th session of COMIAC held in Dakar on 28 and 29 April 2015, particularly its recommendations on increasing support for Islamic journalism,
- **Taking into** consideration the announcement by the Chair of COMIAC contained in his report which was adopted by Heads of State and Government who met in Istanbul in April 2016 during the 13th session of the Islamic Summit, particularly in relation to the guidelines proposed for adoption as a basis for the COMIAC’ future programme,
- **Being convinced** of the major role that should be played by the media in the area of peace and development in Member States,
- **Having considered** the OIC Secretary General’s report submitted to this session,
 1. **Expresses** its profound appreciation for the initiative launched by the President of the Republic of Senegal, in his capacity as the Chair of COMIAC, on the establishment of an international prize for outstanding media outlets and journalists active in dialogue, tolerance and cross-cultural harmony.

2. **Praises** the Republic of Senegal's efforts to establish the ad hoc committee responsible for the consideration of the terms and conditions of the prize, and **commends** highly the engagement of states and institutions members of the said committee.
3. **Commends** the outcome of the first, second and third meetings of the ad hoc committee responsible for considering the terms and conditions of the Prize, held on 10 April 2017 in Dakar, 30 October 2017 in Jeddah, and on 13 May 2018 in Dakar, respectively, wherein committee members examined, in their first meeting, the prize concept paper, outlining the target audience, the prize title (OIC International Media prize), types of media outlets eligible for participation, its subjects, adopted languages, cash and in-kind prize value, number of laureates, prize sponsorship and global prize amount. The second meeting discussed the prize a technical paper detailing the prize goals, scope, general nomination conditions, media works participating in the prize, prize amount, prize categories, selection procedure, prize structure, jury composition, and date and venue of launching the prize in 2018. The third meeting finalized discussion on the technical paper of the prize, including its terms and procedure. The paper was enriched with proposals of OIC Member States and institutions.
4. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat in the preparation of the prize technical paper, taking into account the outputs of states and institutions members of the Prize Committee, including terms and conditions regarding institutions, nominees, works nominated for the prize, amount of the prize, suspension cases, laureates selection method, structure of the prize, laureate selection criteria, date of launching the prize, total cost, which will be presented to the 12th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers for consideration and adoption.
5. **Invites** all the Member States, OIC financial institutions and relevant OIC organs to provide full support, both moral and material, to set the Award initiative into motion.
6. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 48th session.

RESOLUTION NO. 3/47-INF
ON
SUPPORTING THE OIC BROADCASTING REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FORUM
(IBRAF)

The Forty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020 (12-13 Rabi al Thani 1442H).

- **Recalling** Resolution 3/46-INF on “Supporting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF)”, adopted by the Council’s 46th session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);
- **Recalling** Resolution 4/11-INF on “Supporting the Work of Joint Islamic Media Action Institutions and their Coordination” adopted at the 11th session of COMIAC (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018 (28-29 Sha’ban 1439 A.H.);
- **Recalling** Resolution 3/45-INF on “Supporting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF)”, adopted by the Forty-fifth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People’s Republic of Bangladesh, on 19 and 20 Sha’ban 1439 A.H. (5 and 6 May 2018);
- **Taking note** of Resolution 3/44-INF adopted by the Forty-fourth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in World of Solidarity) held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire on 16 and 17 Shawwal 1438H (Corresponding to 10 and 11 July 2017), on supporting the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF),
- **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,
- **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,
- **With reference to** the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016, particularly Paragraph 50 on Media and Public Diplomacy, which affirms that the press and broadcast media, are the most effective tool and source for the dissemination of information and shaping of public opinion, and that the OIC is in the process of putting in place an elaborate strategy for effective public outreach and employing media for promoting the goals and objectives of the Organization,

- **Taking cognizance of** the outcome of the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM), (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21 December 2016,
- **Noting** that the ICIM called on IBRAF in the same session through Resolution No.12/11-INF on the “Role of Information in Combating Terrorism” to prepare “a code of conduct including legislations and legal procedures for the media to encounter terrorism”,
- **Stressing** that addressing the issue of Islamophobia starts with presenting the true image of the religion of Islam to foreign interlocutors in a thoughtful and effective manner,
- **Emphasizing** the importance of cooperation among Member States in developing media mechanisms to fight terrorism,
- **Having considered** the OIC Secretary General’s report submitted to this session,
 1. **Takes note of** the appointment, in October 2019, of Mr. Nurullah Ozturk as new Director General of IBRAF, replacing the outgoing Dr Hamit Ersoy; **expresses wishes** for success to the incumbent; and **thanks** the outgoing Director General for his invaluable efforts to set the Forum in motion and then expand its membership and enlarge its network of relations and activities with broadcasting corporations across the Member States.
 2. **Takes note** of the convening of the second meeting of the steering committee of IBRAF in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 29 September 2017, which discussed the agenda of the Sixth Annual Meeting of IBRAF.
 3. **Expresses appreciation** to the Republic of Indonesia for hosting the Fifth Annual Meeting in Bandung, Republic of Indonesia on 23 February 2017 under the theme: “Media Literacy & Media Landscape for World Harmony”; and **salutes** the Republic of Benin and the Audiovisual and Communication High Authority (HAAC) for hosting the 6th Annual Meeting of IBRAF on 19-20 February 2018, which saw a number of national broadcasting regulatory authorities joining IBRAF.
 4. **Welcomes** the outcome of the Fifth Annual Meeting of IBRAF, in particular the adoption of Bandung Declaration on the Role of Media in Promoting Tolerance and Combating Terrorism and Islamophobia;
 5. **Urges** the 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;
 6. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council’s 48th session.

RESOLUTION NO. 4/47-INF
ON
STRENGTHENING THE MEDIA ACTION OF THE ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC
COOPERATION AND ITS MEDIA INSTITUTIONS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
MEMBER STATES

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- **Based on** Resolution 4/46-INF on “Strengthening the Media Action of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its Media Institutions in Partnership with the Member States”, issued by the Council’s 46th session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);
- **Based on** Resolution 4/45-INF on “Strengthening the Media Action of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its Media Institutions in Partnership with the Member States”, issued by the CFM in its 45th session (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dacca, People’s Republic of Bangladesh, on 19-20 Sha’ban 1439H/5-6 May 2018,
- **Taking note of** Resolution 4/44-INF adopted by the Forty-fourth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in World of Solidarity) held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire on 16 and 17 Shawwal 1438H (Corresponding to 10 and 11 July 2017),
- **Recalling** Resolution 4/9-INF on “Coordination in the Information Field within the Framework of the OIC in Order to Give a Comprehensive Picture of Joint Islamic Action, issued by the 9th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, held in Libreville, Gabonese Republic on 19 and 20 April 2012, which was endorsed by the 39th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, on 15-17 November 2012;
- **Stressing** the importance of strengthening cooperation and coordination between the OIC General Secretariat, the information institutions and member states concerning implementation of media projects and programmes;
- **Having considered** the OIC Secretary General’s report submitted to this session;
 1. **Supports** the resolutions of the General Assembly of the OIC Union of News Agencies (UNA), held at the Jeddah-based General Secretariat on 12 December 2019; and **urges** the Member States to support and pay their annual budgetary contribution to the Union.
 2. **Expresses appreciation for** the media action that has been, and continues to be, carried out by the OIC General Secretariat to develop the capacities of journalists, widen their knowledge and polish their skills on media matters through the organization of specialized media training programmes and courses, especially in 2017 and 2019, and **invites** it to organize more of these training programmes and media workshops in cooperation with media, research and training institutions and with relevant authorities in

member states and non-member states, in order to strengthen the OIC's media action, benefit the journalists and strengthen the OIC's media visibility through these media programmes.

3. **Welcomes** the outcome of the media workshop organized and hosted by the OIC General Secretariat on 15 November 2018, on the theme "Social media's supportive role for the OIC work", with the participation of 35 bloggers, tweeps and social media influencers from different institutions and states members of the OIC, to explore ways to increase visibility for the Organization on regional and international media, and to promote knowledge of OIC programmes and activities within Member States and beyond.
4. **Welcomes** the outcome of the workshop held by the OIC General Secretariat in partnership with ISESCO and in cooperation with Thomson Foundation of Britain to prepare the "Guidebook for Training Journalists to Cover Terrorist Incidents" in the period from 31 October – 2 November 2017 at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, in response to the request of the Ministers of Information to the General Secretariat and ISESCO to submit a study on the mechanisms for training specialized media workers, in conformity with resolution no. 12/11-INF on "Role of the Media in Combating Terrorism" adopted by the 11th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah on 21 December 2016, and endorsed by resolution no. 4/44-INF on "Reaffirmation of the Resolutions of the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 December 2016", during the 44th session of the Islamic Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Abidjan on 10 and 11 July 2017.
5. **Welcomes** the outcome both of the "First Islamic-European Forum on Exploring Ways of Cooperation to Eliminate Hate Speech in the Media" and of the "Media Workshop to Assess and Adopt the Final Draft of the Media Training Guide for Covering Terrorist Acts and to Examine Related Technical, Media and Legal Aspect". The two events, held by the OIC General Secretariat in partnership with ISESCO, took place at the Press Club Brussels Europe in Belgium, on 29-30 June 2018. The Guide, driven to its final form, as mandated by the 11th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers, will be submitted for approval to the conference in its 12th session.
6. **Commends** the outcome of the training session which the General Secretariat conducted on "Social Media Infographics" at UNA media training centre, on 10-12 April 2018, for the benefit of journalists and broadcasters from across the OIC Member States.
7. **Welcomes** the outcome of the workshop held by the OIC and ISESCO, in coordination with the Senegalese National Authority in charge of UNESCO, ISESCO, and COMIAC on "Operationalizing the OIC Media Strategy to Counter Islamophobia and the OIC Comprehensive Media Strategy till 2025", in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 16-17 October 2017, which called for the establishment of a network of media training institutions in the Muslim world to strengthen cooperation among them and to develop a unified plan for the training of journalists, intensifying coordination and partnership between the OIC and specialized institutions in preparing contents and materials that project Islamic and its tolerant values which can be understood by a westerner to contribute to correcting the negative stereotypes about Islam.

8. **Hails** the conclusions of the sub-regional workshop on “Women in Civil Society and Strengthening Their Role in the Media” held by OIC General Secretariat and ISESCO and the General Secretariat of Bahrain National Commission for Education, Science and Culture in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain on 4 and 5 October 2017, in implementation of resolution 4/11-INF on “Empowerment of Women in and Through the Media” which recommended the utilization of the successful experience in Member States on strengthening the role of women in the society by establishing a network of female journalists under the supervision of the OIC General Secretariat and documenting the achievements of pioneers; **commends** the objectives of the OIC Media Monitoring Observation for Women in Member States and seek guidance from its orientations; and **urges** the media to strengthen women presence in media institutions as journalists or those tasked with running media contracts.
9. **Welcomes** the recommendations of the workshop of experts and representatives of the civil society to discuss media and legal measures to counter Islamophobia which was organized by the OIC General Secretariat, ISESCO and the Islamic Cultural Centre in London, United Kingdom on 15 and 16 July 2017, in implementation of resolution 2/11 on “The OIC Anti-Islamophobia Media Strategy” adopted by the 11th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 December 2016, which called for intensified coordination and cooperation between governments and civil society institutions and the media to counter those behind Islamophobia and to relate with them as groups who hate Islam, violate human rights and threaten the international efforts aimed at strengthening dialogue among cultures and alliance of civilizations; **calls** on intergovernmental and civil society organizations, to coordinate efforts to implement the charters, treaties, conventions, declarations and resolutions as well as national and international laws affirming the separation between freedom of opinion and expression and the various excesses and defamation of religions perpetrated by the media under the cover of freedom of opinion and expression; and **calls** on Muslims representatives of civil society and Islamic institutions in western countries to improve and strengthen their media narratives and positive interaction with the media, and to launch campaigns, media and cultural programmes to project the true image of the tolerant religion of Islam.
10. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council’s 48th session.

RESOLUTION NO.5/47-INF
ON
ADVANCING COOPERATION IN THE MEDIA SECTOR TO PROMOTE PEACE,
DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY, INCLUDING THROUGH HARNESSING THE
SDGS

The Forty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020 (12-13 Rabi al Thani 1442H).

- **Based on** Resolution 5/46-INF on “Advancing Cooperation in the Media Sector for Peace, Development and Prosperity including through Harnessing SGDs”, issued by the Council’s 46th session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 25-24 Jumada I, 1440H (1-2 March 2019);
 - **Based on** Resolution 5/45-INF on “Advancing Cooperation in the Media Sector for Peace, Development and Prosperity including through Harnessing SGDs”, issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 45th session (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People’s Republic of Bangladesh, on 19-20 Sha’ban 1439H / 5-6 May 2018;
 - **Being cognizant of** the need to continuously promote mutual understanding and solidarity among the Muslim Ummah around the globe;
 - **Upholding** the true spirit of Islam;
 - **Recalling** the ongoing cooperation between the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the United Nations (UN) in different fields, in particular peace, security, humanitarian assistance and refugees and the promotion of dialogue among civilizations;
 - **Recalling** the OIC Media Strategy adopted at the 11th session of the Conference of Information Ministers on 21 December 2016;
 - **Referring** to the resolutions on cooperation in the media sector adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers;
 - **Noting** with appreciation the efforts of OIC affiliated institutions in the area of information;
 - **In a bid** to promote peace and development through making optimal use of media and cultural events;
1. **Calls on** the Member States to utilize their media sector to highlight and disseminate information on the achievements and positive stories of OIC member states to socio-economic sectors, particularly in areas covered under the UN Sustainable Development Goals such as counterterrorism, climate change, humanitarian assistance, migration, disaster risk reduction and preparedness, gender issues, etc.
 2. **Urges** the Member States to utilize different means of information and communication channels available, including social media, to disseminate information on contributions

of the OIC in promotion of peace, humanitarianism and other regional and global causes for the benefit of the entire Ummah.

3. **Encourages** the press, radio and TV broadcasters in OIC member states to engage in active cooperation in news coverage and reporting through sharing and joint production of media content (news clippings, reports, documentaries and related material).
4. **Supports** the exchange of films and other information and cultural contents (TV drama, documentaries, animation, educational or public awareness media products, etc.) between government as well as media institutions.
5. **Calls on** the related institutions of the OIC, in association with related institutions of the UN, as may be applicable, to facilitate capacity building and strengthening of the media sector in OIC member states. activities may include technical and managerial training for media personnel including holding of seminars and workshops, sharing of facilities and expertise, cooperation in equipment and infrastructure upgradation, exchange of volunteers/interns, etc.
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 48th session.

RESOLUTION NO.6/47-INF
ON
PROGRESS TOWARD THE LAUNCH OF THE OIC SATELLITE CHANNEL

The Forty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020 (12-13 Rabi al Thani 1442H).

- **With reference to** paragraph 15 of Dakar Declaration of the 11th session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers of Peace, Development and Rapprochement of Peoples), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-15 May 2018 (28-29 Sha’ban 1439 A.H.), wherein the OIC Information Ministers “reiterate the importance of setting up the OIC satellite channel to share and broadcast useful programmes within the Islamic Ummah and to propagate the true values of Islam”;
- **Based on** Resolution 4/44-INF on “Reaffirmation of the Resolutions of the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 December 2016”, during the 44th session of the Islamic Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Abidjan on 10 and 11 July 2017;
- **Based on** Resolution 7/11-INF on the “Progress toward the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel”, adopted by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers’ 11th session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21 December 2016 (Session of the New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia);
- **Based on** Resolution 1/43-INF regarding “Progress toward the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel”, issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 43rd session (Session of Education and Enlightenment – Path to Peace and Creativity), which took place in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October 2016;
- **Commending** Resolution 2/10-INF on Supporting the Launch of the OIC Online Channel, adopted issued by the 10th session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), which was held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 27- 28 April 2015;
- **Based on** Resolution 6/10-INF on the “Progress toward the Launch of the OIC Satellite Channel”, issued by the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers in its 10th session (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and Calm in the Muslim World), held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 December 2014;
- **Recalling** Resolution 8/9-INF on Launching the OIC Satellite Channel, issued by the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Libreville, Republic of Gabon, 19-20 April 2012), which approved in principle the project of launching an OIC satellite channel under the OIC umbrella, and which had been adopted by the CFM sessions held in the Republic of Djibouti on 15-17 November 2012, in Conakry, the Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013, in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 18-19 June 2014, and in the State of Kuwait on 27-28 May 2015;

- **Taking note of** the two open-ended expert-group meetings on the launch of the OIC Satellite Channel, held at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah, on 23-24 February 2013 and 11 May 2016 respectively; the four meetings of the ad hoc committee, following up the finalization of the launch of the OIC Satellite Channel, comprising Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Gabon, Palestine, Qatar, Egypt, Mauritania and the OIC General Secretariat, held to discuss the project and its feasibility study, on 12 May 2013, 10 March 2015, 20 October 2015, and 11 May 2016 respectively;
1. **Commends** the Member States and the OIC General Secretariat for their efforts to launch the OIC satellite channel, through several expert-group meetings both of the Member States and of the ad hoc select follow-up committee on the conclusion of the launching process.
 2. **Takes note of** the adoption, by the Council's 43rd session, of the feasibility study on the launch of the OIC Satellite Channel, with reservation on financing section on the launch of the channel, prepared by leading consultants, pursuant to the recommendations of the second open-ended expert-group meeting, held at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah on 11 May 2016, and approves the launch of the satellite channel.
 3. **Calls on** the OIC General Secretariat to continue its endeavors to explore ways to finance the OIC Satellite Channel, in consultation with the OIC Member States, OIC-affiliated institutions and the private sector; and mandates it to take practical steps towards establishing and launching the OIC Satellite Channel at the OIC General Secretariat.
 4. **Commends** the General Secretariat's efforts to create an OIC Web TV streaming channel to broadcast its recorded conferences, meetings, programmes and activities as well as the statements of the Secretary General on certain occasions, meetings with officials, short thematic videos, cultural and economic programmes, etc., pending the actual launch of the satellite channel; and **calls on** the General Secretariat to explore all possible means to secure the necessary financial resources for the launch of this project.
 5. **Invites** the OIC institutions to provide the General Secretariat's Information Department with presentational videos on their work, programmes and activities, to post them on the OIC Channel.
 6. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 48th session.
