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*The 12<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Combating Disinformation and Islamophobia in the Post-Truth Era.), held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 21-22 October 2022;*

**Recalling** the Resolution No. 76/254 on “International Day to Combat Islamophobia” adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 15 March 2022;

**Recalling** the Resolution No. 32/48-POL on “Combating Islamophobia and Eliminating Hatred and Prejudice Against Islam” adopted by 48<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March 2022;

**Recalling** the Resolution no. 8/48-Pol on “The Jammu and Kashmir Dispute” adopted by 48<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March 2022;

**Expressing** serious concerns and deploring the siege of the Kashmiri population and communications and media blackout in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK);

**Recalling** the Resolution NO. 3/48-C on “Protection of Islamic Holy Places” adopted by 48<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March 2022;

**Recalling** the Resolution NO.1/48-MM on “Safeguarding the Rights of Muslim Communities and Minorities in Non-OIC Member States” adopted by 48<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March 2022;

**Recalling** the resolutions on information affairs of the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March 2022 (Session of Partnering for Unity, Justice, and Development) and the resolutions of the previous sessions of the Council on information affairs;

**Considering** Resolution No. 2/46 INF on the “Launch of International Media Award” adopted by the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Affairs (Session of Fifty Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates” on 1 and 2 March 2019;

**Considering** also the resolutions on information affairs of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 14 and 15 May 2019 (Session of Education and Culture as Drivers Of Peace, Development And Rapprochement of Peoples), and the resolutions of the previous COMIAC sessions on information affairs;

**Referring** to Resolution No. 5/45 INF on “Advancing cooperation in the media sector to promote peace, development and prosperity, including through harnessing the SDGs) of the 45<sup>th</sup> 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 5 and 6 May 2018;

**Recalling** the decisions on information and media in the Final Communiqué adopted at the 13th Islamic Summit titled ‘Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace’) in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 14-15 April 2016;

**Referring** to the principles and goals enshrined in the OIC-2025 Programme of Action on media and public diplomacy, adopted at the 13th Islamic Summit titled ‘Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace’) in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 14-15 April 2016;

**Recalling** all the resolutions of the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 December 2016 (Session of New Media to Counter Terrorism and Islamophobia), and the two Reference Documents adopted by the same Session: OIC Media Strategy and OIC Media Strategy in Countering Islamophobia and its Implementation Mechanisms;

**In view** of the principles and goals of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and the Islamic Resolutions affirming the importance of continuing to provide adequate coverage of the cause of Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif in the Arab and Islamic Media;

**Aware** of the important role that traditional and new media can play in strengthening Islamic Solidarity and highlighting the economic, scientific, technological, cultural and tourism capabilities of the OIC Member States to strengthen intra-OIC cooperation;

**Referring** to Resolution 4/10 on Supporting the Implementation of the Special Media Programme Highlighting Africa’s Position and Role in the Muslim World and Extending the Programme to other Region, adopted by the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran on 3 and 4 December 2014 (Session of Media Convergence for Peace and calm in the Islamic World), and approved by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in the State of Kuwait on 27 and 28 May 2015;

**Realizing** the capabilities and potentials that the OIC African Member States have and that need to be highlighted and promoted in the media to raise awareness about them through a special media programme;

**Convinced** of the important and leading role that the Media should undertake in the Member States, as well as the Joint Islamic Media Action Institutions, in the field of peace and development in the Member States;

**In light** of the continuing threat posed by terrorism and extremism to peace and security and the stability of all countries and peoples, especially through messages of incitement posted by extremist and violent extremist groups on social media;

*In view* of the desired benefit of fruitful strategic partnerships among media organizations in the Members States and the Joint Islamic Media Action Institutions on the one hand, and the OIC General Secretariat on the other;

*Having reviewed* the report of H.E. the OIC Secretary General on information affairs submitted to this Session:

1. **Makes an urgent appeal** to the Member States to provide assistance to the State of Palestine to support, develop the capacities of the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation and the Palestinian News and Information Agency (Wafa), in terms of their premises, installations and equipment, and to exchange programmes and expertise with them in this field.
2. **Pays tribute** to the steadfastness of the Palestinian people and **invites** the Member States and the media in those countries to continue to provide maximum media coverage for the suffering of the Palestinian people due to the continuing Israeli aggression, highlight the violations Israel has been committing in its continuous aggression, and inform the entire world of the reality and magnitude of Israeli violations and the humanitarian disaster caused by the Israeli aggression.
3. **Calls on** the Member States to allocate space in their media to shed light on aggression on holy sites in the City of Al-Quds and Israel's practices aimed at Judaizing the holy city and dividing the blessed Aqsa Mosque both spatially and temporally, and counter the decision of the US Administration to recognize Al-Quds as the 'alleged' capital of occupation and relocate its embassy thereto.
4. **Requests** the Member States to instruct their media outlets to organize media campaigns focusing on the different political, economic, cultural, social, and tourism areas in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
5. **Invites** media professionals in the Member States to avail themselves of the spread of social media on the internet to highlight the Palestinian cause and shed light on the Israeli occupation's violations against Palestinians, their property and holy sites.
6. **Calls for** operationalizing the role of the OIC Information Department and other relevant organs, to serve as a platform for expression about the Palestinian Cause.
7. **Underscores** the importance of establishing a media platform for the youth to serve as a free Palestinian youth media framework for the youth to express their vision, initiatives and opinions in a way that serves the walks of national culture and a forum for communication with the youth in the Member States.
8. **Mandates** the OIC General Secretariat, in coordination with Bayt Mal Al Quds Al-Sharif Agency, the executive arm of Al-Quds Committee, chaired by His Majesty King Mohamed VI, King of Morocco, and the Palestinian Ministry of Information, to continue to hold information seminars on Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Al-Aqsa Holy Mosque, and other holy sites; In this regard, the Kingdom of Morocco proposes to host an international seminar on this

subject. This seminar will bring together media and culture experts and representatives of international media institutions, to shed light on media and cultural aspects related to Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

9. **Invites** media outlets in the Member States to intensify the production and exchange of information programmes with Palestinian media outlets and make effective use of the media to present available information material on Israeli aggression, address the international public opinion, project the true image of the Palestinian cause and the suffering of the Palestinian people, and correct the image being presented by the Israeli propaganda machine.
10. **Invites** related institutions of Member States to take necessary steps in combating disinformation and misinformation about the Palestinian people and Israel's unlawful occupation and aggression in the territory of the State of Palestine with a view to presenting the truth about the sufferings of Palestinian people and reporting misinformation and factsheets with their own efforts to SESRIC.
11. **Reiterates its call on** the Member States for investing in the development of media infrastructure, improving professional capacities of media workers, facilitating easy access by the public to information, enhancing OIC media institutions, promoting cooperation against disinformation and deepening coordination among them to advance joint Islamic action in all fields.
12. **Recalling** the EU DisinfoLab's "Indian Chronicles" uncovering a massive operation targeting international institutions and serving Indian interests to undermine primarily Pakistan by disinformation and resurrection of dead media, dead think-tanks, NGOs and dead people.
13. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat to implement the special media programme highlighting Africa's position and role in the Muslim world, including through the organization of an open-ended experts meeting on the implementation of the programme, on 25-26 February 2013 at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah, which yielded important recommendations on the programme implementation.
14. **Calls for** raising Member States' awareness about the negative stereotypes against African Member States by some western media and for refraining from reflecting the same images; and **calls for** the adoption of a system for the exchange of programmes at the bilateral and multilateral levels. The states concerned shall produce the content of this system and the General Secretariat shall share it with all Member States, and the Member States shall be responsible for distributing it to national broadcasting corporations, and **requests** the OIC to coordinate and collaborate with the African Union and other regional bodies on the continent on rebranding the image of the Member States of the African continent.
15. **Reiterates** its call for highlighting the capacities of the African OIC Member States and the role they can play in promoting Islamic Solidarity; **Requests** the Information Department at the OIC General Secretariat, jointly with Member States, to work to ensure the media promotion of the capacities, capabilities, achievements and statistics in the

- African Continent, and include them in media reports to be sent to media institutions through the database of the OIC Information Department; and **commends** the Member States' efforts in this regard.
16. **Commends** the efforts of Bayt Mal Al Quds Al-Sharif Agency, the executive arm of Al-Quds Committee, chaired by His Majesty King Mohamed VI, King of Morocco, to support media institutions and journalistic institutes in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, through introducing "Al-Quds Al-Sharif Award for Journalistic Excellence in Development Media", and announcing the creation of a "Grant for the Promotion of Press and Media Freedoms" and a "Courage and Bravery Medal", awarded by the Agency's Rabat Observatory for Monitoring, Tracking and Assessment, for the best journalistic work defending the values of freedom, justice and peace; Also Commends the scholarships allocated annually by the Agency for journalism and media students in Al-Quds as well as for specialized institutions in order to provide an appropriate environment for research and training, in accordance with modern standards, and keep pace with the ever-accelerating technological developments taking place in this field
  17. **Calls for** combating media activities against Islamic symbols and social norms, such as Hijab, and promoting and better explaining Islamic socio cultural norms to counter disinformation.
  18. **Calls on** the Department of Information of the OIC General Secretariat to organize targeted visit of selected journalists from the Member States on field trips to the interested Member States, who are facing serious challenges such as humanitarian mine clearance, destroyed Islamic cultural heritage resulting from the military aggression and conflicts.
  19. **Commends** the creation of an ISESCO Regional Center for Continued Training of Journalists in Africa, to be based in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, in cooperation with COMIAC and the Center of Studies on Information Sciences and Techniques (CESTI); **calls upon** the envisioned Center to participate actively in the implementation of OIC programmes; **commends** the cooperation between ISESCO and the Khartoum-based Media Training Academy of the Sudan; and **calls for** continued cooperation to train media professionals in Eastern and Central Africa.
  20. **Calls for** initiating an international research conference on the African continent to discuss, every two years, the philosophy of Islam and rejection of racism and discrimination based on gender and colour, and feature a cultural festival.
  21. **Commends** the OIC General Secretariat's efforts to launch the OIC satellite channel, through the numerous expert-group meetings of Member States and the ad hoc select committee mandated to follow up the conclusion of the process of launching the satellite channel.
  22. **Takes note** of the adoption, by the 43<sup>rd</sup> CFM, 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.
23. **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.
  24. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat leading to the creation of an OIC website online to broadcast live and recorded programmes, having recently purchased cameras and specialized equipment and devices to launch the channel on social media networks (YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc.) for streaming of live and recorded conferences, meetings, programmes and activities as well as the statements made by the Secretary General on certain occasions and meetings with officials, short thematic videos, cultural and economic programmes, etc., pending the actual launch of the OIC satellite channel. It **calls on** the General Secretariat to examine all possible ways to secure the necessary financial resources for the launch of this project.
  25. **Invites** OIC institutions to provide the General Secretariat, represented by the Information Department, with promotional videos on these institutions and their programmes and activities to broadcast them on the OIC Channel.
  26. **Underscores** the need to support the work of all joint Islamic action institutions in the field of media (Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA), the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU), the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) in the OIC Member States and the OIC Media Forum (OMF) and the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC)); **underscores** the importance of enhancing synergy among them and improving their effectiveness; and **invites** Member States to pay their contributions to the budgets of these institutions, contribute to their activities effectively, and benefit from the services they offer.
  27. **Welcomes** the progress towards the operationalization of the OIC Media Forum (OMF) and calls upon media entities and institutions in the Member States to join the OMF.
  28. **Welcomes** the scientific study prepared by the Islamic Countries Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) on “Media Content on Islam in Light of International Law”, and **calls on** the General Secretariat to build on it in joint Islamic media action, and **invites** the ICESCO to circulate this study to competent circles and to media faculties and institutes in Member States to benefit from them.
  29. **Requests** Member States to provide financial support to the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA) following the completion of the restructuring process as adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Rabat on 27-28 January 2009 and at UNA General Assembly.

30. **Requests** Member States to provide financial support to the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU) as adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Rabat on 27-28 January 2009, and at the IBU General Assembly; and **commends** the resolutions adopted by the IBU General Assembly at its meeting held at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, on 24 November 2016.
31. **Calls on** the more active media and social media coverage of deliberate destruction and desecration of Islamic historical and cultural relics and shrines in the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan resulting from the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan with the goal of preventing such wrongful acts in other places.
32. **Expresses** its profound appreciation for the initiative launched by the President of the Republic of Senegal, in his capacity as the chair of COMIAC, to establish an international prize to compensate excellent media outlets and professionals with outstanding contribution to promoting dialogue, tolerance and harmony among cultures.
33. **Lauds** the efforts of the Republic of Senegal, which culminated in the establishment of the *ad hoc* committee on the study and consideration of the terms and modalities of the prize; and commends highly the engagement of the member states and institutions in the said committee.
34. **Commends** the outcomes of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings of the *ad hoc* committee on the study and consideration of the terms and modalities of the prize, held on 10 April 2017 in Dakar, 30 October 2017 in Jeddah and 13 May 2018 in Dakar respectively; the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting having discussed a preliminary paper on the Prize, including the targeted laureates, the title of the Prize (OIC International Media Prize), the categories of media to participate in the Prize, the themes, and languages of the Prize, and the total cash and in-kind value of the Prize; the second meeting discussed a detailed technical sheet on the Prize, including its objectives, the general conditions of candidates, participating media works, value of the Prize and its categories, winner selection method, organizational structure of the Prize, constitution of the jury and the date of launching the Prize; while the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting finalized discussion of the technical sheet, including the terms and procedure of the Prize, which was enriched with the proposals of OIC member states and institutions.
35. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat in preparing the Prize technical sheet, taking into consideration the views of the member states of the committee on the Prize, including conditions on institutions, candidates and works nominated for the Prize, the value of the Prize, cases of decision not to award the prize, laureates selection method, prize organizational structure; **adopts** the document “Prize Technical Sheet” attached to the present resolution; and calls on the General Secretariat to circulate it to all Member States and media institutions and disseminate among media outlets once the funds required for the Prize are available.
36. **Invites** all Member States, OIC financial institutions and relevant OIC institutions to provide their full support to this initiative, including moral and material support to effectively launch the Prize; it **commends**, in this regard, the outcomes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the OIC International Prize for Outstanding Media and



Journalists in the area of promotion inter-cultural dialogue, tolerance and harmony, held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 13 May 2018, which were adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> session of COMIAC in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 14-15 May 2018; such outcomes that include having the President of COMIAC Coordination Office request COMIAC Chairman, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Senegal, to send letters to the leaders and heads of OIC Member States to finance the Prize.

37. **Reiterates its call** on the Member States to support the General Secretariat's efforts aimed at promoting the OIC's media visibility regarding its leading role in the areas of cultural exchange, development and intercultural dialogue through various media, including social media platforms and information and cultural programs, including:
  - a) Enhancing the OIC's use of new media, including social media, to post information material on the OIC's various programmes and initiatives, particularly on the issues of cultural exchange, development, peace and other vital areas addressed by the OIC;
  - b) Organizing forums on media's role in promoting dialogue, cultural exchange and highlighting the OIC's role, programmes and activities in these fields;
  - c) Exchanging experience between the member states both in legislation and implementation in combating disinformation.
38. **Expresses** concern about the spread of disinformation and propaganda, including on the Internet, designed and implemented to mislead, violate human rights, including the rights to privacy and to freedom of expression, spread hatred, racism, xenophobia, negative stereotyping or stigmatization, and incite violence, discrimination and hostility, and emphasizes the important contribution by journalists in countering this trend.
39. **Calls for** an immediate and complete lifting of military siege; removal of the restrictions on movement, communication, peaceful assembly; provision of food and medical supplies; and release of political prisoners in IIOJK.
40. **Calls for** immediate access for the international media outlets and correspondents to IIOJK in the interest of factual reporting and accurate assessment of grave and deteriorating humanitarian and human rights crisis in the illegally occupied territories since August, 05, 2019.
41. **Condemns** the rising wave of Islamophobia, hate speech and hate crimes motivated by the extremist Hindutva ideology under the RSS-BJP dispensation in India that has led to political, economic and social marginalization of Indian Muslims with a growing sense of insecurity, rooted in the failure of the Government of India to provide safety and security to the minorities in India.
42. **Expresses** serious concern at the persecution and arbitrary detention of Muslim journalists including Muhammad Zubair, co-founder of fact-checking website Alt News, for his factual reporting on blasphemous statements made by members of ruling BJP in India and

marginalization of Indian Muslims and **urges** the Indian government to stop persecution of Muslim minorities including journalists.

43. **Calls upon** the international community, particularly the United Nations and relevant international human rights, humanitarian and media organizations to hold India accountable for its gross and systematic human rights violations against minorities, particularly Muslims and take immediate measures to save them from impending genocide.
44. **Lauds** the efforts of the Department of Information at the OIC General Secretariat aimed at boosting the capacity and productivity of media professionals by organizing many specialized media training sessions and workshops, including the supervision of a media workshop on “The role of social media in supporting the work of the OIC” held at the General headquarters in Jeddah on 15 November 2018, which gathered 35 participants specialized and active on social media to increase the OIC’s visibility internationally; and organizing a training session in “Social Media Infographics” at the Media Training Center of the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA) on 10-12 April 2018 for journalists and media professionals from OIC institutions, with a view to enhancing their media and technical skills in the optimal use of social media and infographics design.
45. **Calls again** for boosting the capacity and productivity of media professionals and media institutions in the Member States and enhancing cooperation among them, through various means; and **calls on** the OIC General Secretariat to supervise expertise sharing projects among the Member States in various media fields, including:
  - a) **Providing** training programmes to media professionals from the OIC and its Member States on human rights, women, poverty, education, the family, natural disaster preparedness and other issues;
  - b) **Exchanging** professional visits between media professionals from the Member States and the OIC, and among media professionals in the Member States, in order to raise awareness and forge professional communication and cooperation among them;
  - c) **Jointly producing** TV programmes and documentary films on several social and developmental issues in the Member States.
46. **Calls on** the Islamic Countries Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) and other OIC institutions to contribute, through its relevant programmes, to boosting the capacity and productivity of media professionals and media institutions by rehabilitating media professionals in the Member States, in coordination with the Information Department of the OIC General Secretariat.
47. **Expresses** deep concern over all Islamophobic acts and legislations, including ban on the construction of minarets in some non-Member States; prohibition of Muslim perceived attire and attacks on religious places, which contradict the International Human Rights norms as well as the principle of Freedom of Religions, and **urges** the governments concerned, in line with their obligations under international law, to take all necessary

- measure to repeal such laws with a view to ensuring the full realization of fundamental rights and freedoms of the Muslim Communities living within their area of jurisdiction
48. **Condemns** strongly all incidents and attempts to denigrate the sanctity of the Holy Prophet of Islam and Islamic Symbols under the garb of freedom of speech.
  49. **Strongly condemns** the recent statements of officials of Indian ruling party which indicate alarming Islamophobic trends with state patronage warranting a concerted response from the Muslim countries.
  50. **Requests** the Secretary General of the OIC to appoint a Special Envoy on Islamophobia to lead collective effort on OIC's behalf as mandated by the Resolution NO. 68/48-POL on International Day to Combat Islamophobia adopted by 48<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22 and 23 March 2022.
  51. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat, in cooperation with the Islamic Countries Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) and other institutions, which resulted in the organization of specialized forums and workshops on the issues of terrorism and Islamophobia, particularly holding the first workshop in cooperation with ICESCO and Thomson Foundation on 31 October – 2 November 2017 at the headquarters of the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah with the aim to train media professionals to cover incidents of terrorism and prepare a guide to that end, pursuant to the request made by Their Excellencies the Ministers of Information during the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers; and **welcomes** the outcomes of the first Islamic-European forum for examining ways of cooperation to curb hate speech in the media, the second media workshop to assess and adopt the final version of the draft guide to train media professionals to cover incidents of terrorism, including the technical, information, ethical and legal procedures, organized by the ICESCO on 29 and 30 June 2018 respectively at the headquarters of the Press Club Brussels Europe in Belgium.
  52. **Calls on** the media outlets and intellectuals to highlight the fact that terrorism is a universal social phenomenon which has its own causes and types and that it is not a religious phenomenon even as it abuses religion to achieve its objectives and interests.
  53. **Calls on** Member States to condemn and incriminate any media that seek to spread and incite terrorism as well as any individuals or parties that exploit the social media platforms to support terrorism.
  54. **Emphasizes** the role of the OIC Member States' information vehicles, particularly the new media tools including social media, in insisting on the international combat against terrorism, the showcasing of authentic Islam and the rejection of terrorism, while stressing that Islam is a religion of tolerance which advocates peaceful coexistence among all humans.
  55. **Calls for** training programmes to train media cadres capable of dealing with terrorist events and ensuring their appropriate coverage such that they may have the capacity to handle modern-day technologies, in full awareness of the objectives of the Islamic information's

- message; **calls for** a group of specialists and experts in the areas of security, social, psychological and educational fields to participate in these training programmes.
56. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat **in** coordination with the ICESCO and Thomson Foundation, which resulted in the preparation of a media guide on ‘Coverage of Incidents of Terrorism: guidelines for journalists’; **adopts** the guide attached to the present report as a reference for training media professionals on how to deal with terrorist incidents; and **calls on** the General Secretariat to circulate it to all media training centers and media institutions to adopt it as a reference in training journalists, especially on coverage of terrorist incidents.
  57. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) to prepare a code of conduct including legislations and legal procedures for the media to counter terrorism; at the request of the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers; and **calls for** finalizing the study to submit it to the 13 Islamic Conference of Information Ministers. IBRAF is advised to cooperate with the Republic of Iraq to benefit from the Code of Conduct of religious discourse.
  58. **Calls for** the consolidation of joint cooperation among the Member States’ media outlets as to the development of the Islamic information product with a view to upscaling their performance in such a way as to better serve the Islamic Ummah’s causes, and to elaborate advanced information messages based on diversity and pluralism such as to contribute to the combat against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.
  59. **Calls for** intensifying efforts and keeping pace with the new information and communication technologies – New media – and to acquire high level professionalism and keep pace with expertise such as to advance the war against terrorism.
  60. **Emphasises** the importance for the OIC General Secretariat to participate in projecting the role of the Islamic States mediawise with regard to the Member States’ efforts in countering terrorism intellectually and practically backed up with facts and figures, as well as the role played by the OIC in terms of assistance in spreading the authentic image of the tolerant Islam which advocates fellowship, mutual love and the spread of peace and security worldwide.
  61. **Encourages** the OIC General Secretariat to produce short films to face up to the terrorist phenomenon through the social media and to launch media campaigns on the social media networks rejecting violence and extremism and **calling** for dialogue and coexistence; and **invites** Member States and institutions to provide financial support to finance the production of these films.
  62. **Calls on** specialists to undertake further researches on the relationship between the misuse of the internet and social media by the violent extremist groups and the factors that push individuals towards extremism;

63. **Calls on** public and private mass media in the Member States to practice peace and unity-oriented journalism, and to observe credibility and non-interference in the internal affairs of Member States in their news coverage (by Morocco) in their news coverage in OIC Member States experiencing turmoil, such as Libya, Yemen, etc.; and **not to** cause division among citizens of the same country or privilege one group over another, but rather be advocates of reconciliation, social harmony, unity and social healing in order to have secured nations bringing together all segments of our Muslim peoples.
  
64. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of the present resolution and **to report** thereon to the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers.

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